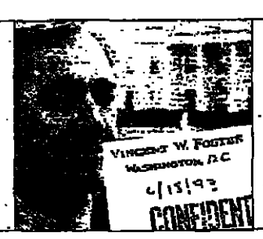


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Divorcée tells why £9m is not enough for her to make ends meet

BY FRANCES GIBB AND TIM JONES

THE former wife of one of the world's wealthiest men has won leave to appeal against a £9 million divorce payout — the biggest yet ordered by British courts — because it is not enough to keep her in the manner to which she is accustomed.

Maja Flick, once married to Friedrich Flick of the Mercedes car dynasty, won leave on Tuesday from the Court of Appeal to contest the settlement, which includes a country mansion, a London home, a Swiss villa and £5 million.

Yesterday, speaking from Munich, Mrs Flick, 37 and a former civil servant, said: "You have to put this figure in context. A sum of £9 million seems a lot — and to appeal against it looks greedy. But it is not a lot when you live the lifestyle of the super-rich.

"I have scaled down my lifestyle by about 80 per cent but it is still astronomical, running big houses and so on.

"The point is that I don't want there to be a drastic difference in lifestyle for my children between their father and me, so I have to keep the horses, pay for the children to fly to their father and back to me. And this is why I have fought for this for two-and-a-half years — to have some kind of justice."

Three of Britain's most senior judges rejected a move by her husband, who has an estimated personal fortune of £200 million, to block his wife from seeking an increase. Instead they allowed Mrs Flick leave to appeal on the ground that the £9.5 million is only a tiny fraction of her millionaire husband's worth.

Originally Mr Flick had tried to limit the settlement on the basis of German antenuptial contracts. That would have given his wife a considerably smaller sum.

Some of the details of Mrs Flick's lifestyle can be gleaned from the judgment of Mr Justice Thorpe, the Family Division judge who ordered the settlement. He said it was wrong to decide the case on the basis that "if the wife could not manage at a rate of £250,000 yearly, she ought to be able to do so". Instead, he said, the court should assess the standard of living which had been the norm for the parties, and take into account the fact that a rich person might spend £40 on a candle.

But he criticised as "excessive" some claims, such as the need for £4,000 a year to keep a labrador dog. It would make little difference to the dog whether it was owned by a very rich family or one comfortably off, he said.

He added: "A gallon of petrol costs the same whoever you are and I cannot see how the figure of £6,500 could be justified for petrol expenditure."

Claims also criticised were:

- ☐ £5,000 for knick-knacks in the home;
- ☐ £12,000 sought for telephone "expenditure";
- ☐ £5,000 for "stocking a drinks tray for casual visitors";
- ☐ £50,000 that was "a lot to spend on clothes".

He also reduced Mrs Flick's £50,000 claim for family holidays plus a further £40,000 for her travel minus the children.

Mr Justice Thorpe concluded that Mrs Flick's primary need was for a home and £1.9 million would be provided to buy a long lease on the family home or its equivalent.

A further £300,000 would be provided to enable her to purchase a London flat. Another sum was needed for a Swiss chalet. About £685,000 would have to be provided to furnish these homes.

Assuming the settlement had all been cash, the £9.5 million would

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Flick: less than the lottery

'Exceptional hardship only' rule

Housing aid to be slashed by Lilley

BY JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

STATE subsidies for the rents of some of Britain's poorest people will be slashed under plans drawn up by Peter Lilley to curb his £85 billion social security budget.

The Social Security Secretary has asked local authorities to stop topping up welfare payments to those claimants whose housing benefit does not cover the rents charged by landlords, apart from in strictly defined instances of "exceptional hardship".

The harsher guidelines will apply from January next year to all new housing benefit claimants and existing ones who move.

About 4.5 million people now claim housing benefit, of whom about 850,000 are in private rented accommodation and could be affected by the new rules. Those eligible for benefit include the unemployed, people working less than 16 hours a week and other low-paid people whose savings are less than £16,000.

Instructions from the Department of Social Security to town halls — leaked to *The Times* — ask local councils to refer to the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* to decide whether claimants qualify for "exceptional hardship". That suggests that even those experiencing "severe suffering" or "extreme privation" would not qualify, unless this was deemed "unusual".

The leak came as seven Cabinet ministers led by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, embarked on a lengthy session to settle disputes with Whitehall departments over next year's public spending, at EDZ, the Cabinet committee charged with recommending spending totals.

Labour last night condemned the housing plans as a return to the worst aspects of the Poor Law and claimed that the Tories had effectively removed the welfare safety net.

"This is the face of modern Conservatism," said Nick Raynsford, Shadow Housing Minister. "It is screwing down the levels of help for the poor,



Lilley: task is to trim £85 billion budget

disadvantaged and most vulnerable to a level where virtually no one will qualify even if they are suffering from extreme deprivation. It is in effect the removal of the safety net. It is a return to conditions as degrading as the worst aspects of the Poor Law."

The document, sent to local authority chief executives last week, makes clear that top-up payments could only be made in very rare cases and that councils could refuse any payments if they could not afford it. The total budget allocated for top-up payments for next year is £2.5 million, about £6,000 for each local council. Mr Raynsford said that this would only allow about six people a year to be helped in each local authority.

Last November Mr Lilley announced measures to curb his £12 billion housing benefit bill by setting a ceiling for benefit to cover private rent, which would affect about 850,000 people living in deregulated private rented homes.

Under the new plans, housing benefit is only paid to meet the average rental costs of the local area, a figure determined by the local Rents Officer.

In the past, local councils have been able to top up payments for vulnerable groups including pensioners, the disabled and families with children.

But the new guidelines make clear that local councils will no longer have the same discretion. The document adds: "The current protection from rent restrictions for prescribed 'vulnerable' groups will not apply to cases covered by the new arrangements."

The circular stipulates that discretionary payments have to meet three requirements.

There must be a shortfall between the claimant's maximum eligible rent and the rent charged, the claimant would have to suffer "exceptional hardship" if the top up was not paid, and the hardship must relate solely to a shortfall in housing benefit.

It is up to local authorities to decide exceptional hardship, says the document. "Exceptional hardship is not defined in the regulations, and should take its ordinary meaning in English.

"As an illustration, the *Shorter English Dictionary* defines exceptional as 'forming an exception; unusual' and hardship as 'severe suffering; extreme privation'.

"Of course, the phrase 'exceptional hardship' should be considered as a whole."

The document suggests that councils might like to consider a number of factors before deciding whether to make discretionary payments. These could include: if there was a genuine risk of eviction if the shortfall was not met; if the claimant could use other assets to meet the costs; if he could stay with family or friends, or if any non-dependents living in the household could help to pay.

Few ministers have reached agreement with the Treasury on spending totals, and EDZ, which includes Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was adjudicating on the disputes. The committee was understood to be concentrating on the big picture on spending, which has a direct bearing on the scope for tax cuts.



Jaymee, with her father David and sister Charlotte, during her days as Child B

Child B comes out fighting

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY AND FRANCES GIBB

CHILD B, who was denied leukaemia treatment by a health authority, was named yesterday as Jaymee Bowen after a court ban on identifying her was lifted. Her father has sold her story to the *Daily Mirror* to pay for her treatment.

Jaymee, 11, says on tonight's *Panorama* that she realised who she was when she received cards in hospital. "I kind of figured it out because in some of the cards that I got when I was in hospital, they put 'to Child B, love from whomever', and I'm thinking 'well, if it says Child B and it's addressed to me, then I must be Child B.'"

Jaymee, who has since returned to school, said that if she met Stephen Thornton, the chief executive of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Authority which refused to pay for her treatment in March after experts gave her only two months to live and a 2.5 per cent chance of complete recovery, she would say: "Thank you for nothing. Now look at me. I'm fine. You could have paid for it. You had the chance and you blew it."

Dr Peter Gravett, the consultant haematologist who has been treating Jaymee, said last night that her chances of a prolonged remission or possibly a cure remained at 20-30 per cent."

Jaymee told *Panorama*: "I would have gone to court and stood and said 'no matter what it takes I am going to go through this and I'm going to get better'."

While in hospital she saw a news programme about Child B. "I said, 'Daddy if I was Child B I would have the chaemotherapy.' I say never give up hope unless you are just on the last little drop of life you have in you. Never give up. Because if you give up you will just end up with nothing left. I'd rather have gone

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Weekend lessons in leadership for Shadow Cabinet

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR is so concerned at the lack of ministerial experience among his frontbenchers that he is sending them back to school to learn how to run the country.

Where once it would have been obligatory for Labour frontbenchers to go down coalmines, Blair's team have been told to attend a weekend course entitled "The management of changing Government" at an elite Oxford business school.

Classes will concentrate on the Labour Shadow Cabinet's inter-personal skills, verbal skills and body language, and their abilities as team players and leaders.

Roger Undy, the tutor who will be directing the courses at Templeton College, explained that he treated the Labour Party like any other client. He refused to say how much it was charging Labour but similar courses cost £400 a head per day.

The courses, tailor-made for the Shadow Cabinet, begin at 9am, last for eight hours and include homework.

Mr Undy said: "They will learn how to develop people's abilities, initiate changes and develop links with other sectors."

No excuses for non-attendance will be accepted. Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Minister, Donald Dewar, the Labour Chief Whip and Andrew Smith, the Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, have already been on the first course this month.

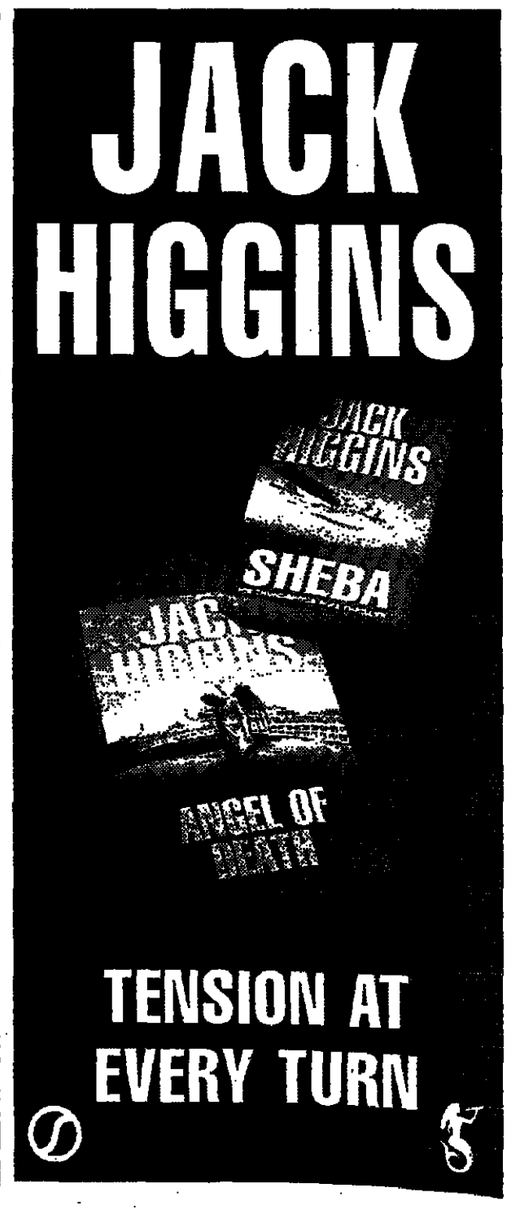
Mr Blair will not be attending lectures, having honed his leadership skills in the past 18 months at the party's helm.

Peter Mandelson, the Labour spin doctor, is not expected to attend either, because he is too junior, according to Mr Blair's office.

After 16 years of Conservative Government, none of the 19 recently elected Shadow Cabinet Ministers has any knowledge of holding a Cabinet position and only five have ever been junior ministers.

A Labour spokesman said: "This is all part of Labour's preparation for government. The party does not presume victory — it is simply common sense given that Labour could be the next Government."

Conservative Central Office said it had no plans to send anyone off on a management course but it would watch out for any changes on the frontbenches. "If a leader emerges perhaps we could be told," said Michael Trend, the Tory deputy chairman.



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Labour's lead increases

A new *MORI poll for The Times* shows that Tony Blair and the Labour Party have increased their already commanding lead to 56 per cent, up five points over the past month.

Tory support has slipped one point to 27 per cent, while the Liberal Democrats are three points down at 13 per cent.....Page 10

Queen Mother defends Dover

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
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QUEEN ELIZABETH the Queen Mother has stepped into the dispute over a French bid for the port of Dover by writing to the Government to express her concern.

The Dover authorities have received hundreds of letters of support since it was revealed that a consortium of Calais businessmen is preparing to pay up to £150 million for Europe's largest passenger port, which the Government is offering for sale. Yesterday, Jim Hood, the Mayor of Dover, revealed that the Queen Mother, in her role as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, had added her voice to the campaign.

In a letter to Mr Hood, Sir Alastair Aird, her private secretary, says that although the Queen Mother has no jurisdiction over decisions taken by the Government, she "understands your concerns over the proposed change in the status of Dover and I have at Her Majesty's command written to the Secretary of State so that he may be aware of the depth of feeling of the citizens of this ancient Cinque Port."

Iraqi expelled by Britain

Britain expelled an Iraqi attaché after accusing him of collecting information about dissident students for the Iraqi intelligence service.

Khamis Khalaf al-Ajili, who worked in the Jordan Embassy's Iraqi interests section, was declared persona non grata by the Foreign Office and given six days to leave the country.....Page 12

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Question time is foreign affair without Hurd's quiet assurance

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

All the essentials were in place. It was Wednesday at Westminster. It was time for Foreign Office Questions. Thirty-five questions, all about foreign affairs, were on the Order Paper.

Prayers were over and Madam Speaker was in the Chair. The Foreign Secretary and his team were on the Front Bench, civil servants poised ready in the officials' box. Robin Cook, chief spokesman for the Labour Party, sat opposite, alert. Up in the Strangers' Gallery, tourists craned their necks. In the Press Gallery reporters twiddled pencils.

The stage, the script, the actors and their the props . . . all there; all present and correct.

But something was missing. A nameless anxiety tugged at our sleeve. We fidgeted and wondered why. A colleague whispered two words: "*No Hurd.*"

No Hurd. Summer is over and it sinks in: he really isn't coming back. Foreign Affairs was a Hurd-free zone. It just isn't Foreign Office Questions without Hurd. And it didn't seem right. Other ministers may endure, too, in office, but none so *became* the office. It often seemed not so much that Douglas Hurd conducted Britain's foreign policy, as that he *was* our foreign policy.

Such were his powers of blurring the issue that key moments occurred in European affairs when the only hard-edged thing you could see in a soft-focus world was the figure of the Foreign Secretary, making calming speeches. That he was there was clear. That *he* seemed to know what he was doing was clear. What he was doing was not: but Mr Hurd always sounded so self-assured.

Along with Willie Whitelaw and Tom King, Douglas Hurd is one of that dwindling band of senior Tories still capable of telling you, in tones of quiet decency which hint that you are being taken into their confidence, that — whatever appearances may suggest — everything is under control.

Only after they slip away into the night does it occur to you to wonder why neither evidence of fact nor demonstration in logic has been offered in support of this comforting message. And now he has slipped away into the night, or NatWest.

In his place yesterday, Malcolm Rifkind sounded promisingly dull and wise. But if you concentrate hard on what Mr Rifkind says the disturbing thought occurs that he actually is trying to say something. Intellectual edge unnerves a generation grown accustomed to a Foreign Secretary with intellect, but no edge. Perhaps we shall get used to it. Alongside Mr Rifkind yesterday sat a man who (we realised) possesses a quality almost unknown in a politician. Jeremy Hanley, sometime Chairman of the Conservative Party and now Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is a really good sport.

Reduced (poor blighter) to shuttling between London and those non-priority parts of the world we used (when your sketchwriter was in the Diplomatic Service) to call the Outer Darkness, Mr Hanley found himself yesterday afternoon answering a Question from Nick Hawkins (C, Blackpool S) about inward trade missions. Mr Hawkins demoted his Hon Friend to "Parliamentary Under Secretary", an even more junior kind of minister. Said Hanley mildly: "I am in fact a Minister of State." Then his sense of humour overcame him. "But, judging by the direction of my career recently, it may only be a matter of time."

Some will call that a gaffe. The rest of us call it a rare and precious failure of self-importance.

Church 'hijacked' by liberal wing

Gay rights likely to dominate Synod after election gains

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

GAY activists will make demands for the Church of England to conduct homosexual marriages and ordain practising gay clergy after claiming the support of a quarter of the newly elected General Synod.

The demands will realise the worst fears of traditionalists who have said the scriptural authority, morality and the reputation of the Church are being hijacked by a "liberal agenda".

As the final election results continued to come in from the 44 dioceses, it became clear that the issue of gay rights will dominate proceedings of the synod for the next five years. The gay lobby, led by the Rev Richard Kirker of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, is claiming an increase in its support in the synod from less than 10 per cent to about 25 per cent.

The elections, which have resulted in big losses to the traditionalist, Catholic wing, herald a new era for a Church which is deeply split over a host of issues including homosexuality, biblical authority and liturgical language. Traditionalists and evangelicals, once split over the use of the sacraments, ritual and the Bible, are forming an alliance on moral issues which they hope will defeat the increasingly radical liberals.

They are determined to stop the synod being hijacked by minority-interest groups out of touch with the majority of congregations.

In an "agenda-setting document" to be launched next month before the synod's first meeting, the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement demands recognition from bishops that a "permanent, faithful, stable relationship" of a homosexual couple is as valid as a heterosexual marriage. The agenda, edited by the Rev Cristina Sumners, a non-stipendiary minister in the Guildford diocese, calls for the bishops to recognise that permanent, stable relationships between homosexual clergy are also valid.

One of the authors is a newly elected synod member, Canon Margaret Bradnum of the Wakefield diocese, who criticises Bible passages such as the story of Sodom in Genesis, arguing that it is wrong to cite them against homosexuality.

The ultimate aim of the lobby is to have a gay marriage-style service included in the church liturgies, at present being revised. Mr Kirker said such services would be modelled on those already agreed by some dioceses in the Episcopal Church in America.

Mr Kirker said: "The Church should be able to offer liturgies of commitment by couples to all, irrespective of their sexual orientation." He said the movement did not use the word "marriage" because of its heterosexual overtones, but agreed that such liturgies would be "akin to" marriage services.



Kirker: wants marriage service for homosexuals

Such demands will be fiercely contested in the synod, and it is unlikely that the gay lobby will achieve the two-thirds majority needed for radical change to church law for many years, if ever. However, traditionalists fear that the political and organisational ability of the gay lobby and other liberal groups is such that their influence will grow disproportionately.

Margaret Brown, one of the synod's most vociferous traditionalist backbenchers, who topped the poll in the Chichester diocese, predicted that the Catholic and evangelical lobby would unite to defeat the liberals. She said the future of the Church itself was at stake.

Mrs Brown said: "People have got to be able to reach for something that is right, pure and good. At the moment they do not feel that about the Church of England."

She blamed the liberals. "Until we have a clean Church with proper belief, we will never bring people in. The church has to be whiter than white. It is the Church of Jesus Christ, not some secular institution."

Philip Gore, a leading evangelical from the Manchester diocese, attributed a fall in membership of the Church to liberalism. "People are fed up," he said. "They see the Church taking a weak stand on various things such as the family."



Spending together: Friedrich and Maja Flick in 1988, three years after they wed

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earn about £570,000 a year, placed in a standard savings account paying an average 6 per cent interest. The previous highest divorce award made by a court is thought to be a £1,295,000 settlement in 1989 to a Yugoslav.

Mrs Flick married in 1985. The couple lived at homes in several different countries, including England. Mrs Flick now lives at Egham, Surrey, and her children are at school in England.

On Tuesday, Bruce Blair, QC, for Mr Flick, 51, told the Court of Appeal that the court granting Mrs Flick leave to ask for more would never have done so if it had been aware of all the facts.

But Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Otton and Sir John Balcombe decided she could continue to try to increase the award.

Giving a unanimous decision, Sir John said that after being awarded the £9 million of her husband's accepted assets, Mrs Flick sought leave to appeal "on the basis £9 million was not enough". While it was possible different judges might have refused her leave to appeal, he was not satisfied there were grounds to rescind that leave.

Mr Blair, in his submission to the judges, revealed that to win the original award, Mrs Flick had spent £160,000 getting top accountants to draw up "budget" papers as guidance on the sort of money she needed.

The couple divorced in England in June last year on the basis of regular residency.

After the hearing, Margaret Bennett, a leading divorce lawyer not involved in the case, suggested it could lead the way to wives of wealthy men receiving much higher percentages of a husband's fortunes. "When you look at £9 million, which is now lower than some lottery wins, it is less than 10 per cent of her husband's wealth."

Divorcée says £9m not enough

Brittan in running to be Nato top man

Sir Leon Brittan emerged yesterday as a surprise contender for the post of secretary-general of Nato after Downing Street disclosed that John Major was thinking of putting forward a British candidate. Officials said that the Prime Minister had discussed the possibility in a telephone call to Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, on Tuesday while they were attending the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of the United Nations in New York.

Speculation immediately centred on Sir Leon, who is one of the two British European Union commissioners in Brussels, also home to Nato headquarters. The 56-year-old former Home Secretary has been involved in EU moves to extend membership to former communist countries.

Pollution veil lifted

The Government has been ordered by the parliamentary Ombudsman to disclose the membership of more than 80 committees that set permitted pollution levels for industry. Although environmental health officers and civil servants sit on the committees, industrialists dominate and trade unionists and environmental groups are not represented. The move was welcomed by open government campaigners.

Inmate given jail papers

Confidential documents fell into a prisoner's hands when they were sent for shredding. The Prison Service has begun an inquiry into how the papers were given to a "trusty" to recycle. The prisoner stuffed the papers into his pockets and took them with him on his release. They included details of sex offenders, killers and rapists, emergency phone numbers for jail staff and alarm codes for secure blocks.

Gummer reprimanded



Hundreds of children silenced John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, yesterday. Four minutes into his speech at the International Children's Conference, Eastbourne, the young delegates shouted: "You are behaving like an adult." To the 800 children at the environment conference the phrase is an insult, meaning too much talking and too little content. Mr Gummer, right, sat down.

Ballet and opera move

The Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet are to move to a huge new theatre on the south bank of the Thames, near Tower Bridge, while their historic Covent Garden theatre is closed for a £213 million redevelopment. The move will be made for two seasons, starting in autumn 1997. The Tower Bridge Theatre will seat 2,350 people and its stage will be bigger than the one at Covent Garden.

Coach death charge

The driver of a coach in which 13 pensioners died when it crashed on the M4 in May faces a charge of causing death by dangerous driving, an inquest was told yesterday. The hearing in Bristol was adjourned to a date to be fixed by Paul Forrest, the coroner, after an application by Colin Nixon, counsel for Stephen Brown, the driver. Mr Brown had been expected to face a lesser charge.

Rugby player jailed

A rugby player who killed a 41-year-old man with a punch after an argument in the clubhouse bar was jailed for 18 months. John Steven, 29, a fly-half with Thurrock RFC in Essex, denied murdering Robert Burt but admitted manslaughter. Chelmsford Crown Court was told that he hit Mr Burt after a dispute over a short cut between two bars at the club. Mr Burt banged his head and died three days later.

Apology plea rejected

The Irish Government ruled out demanding an apology from Britain for the potato famine of the 1840s. Avril Doyle, the minister who has responsibility for events marking the 150th anniversary of the start of the famine, said the move would not be dignified. She rejected a call from Bertie Ahern, the opposition Fianna Fail leader, to seek "a solemn expression of regret" for the famine.

Fighting spirit secured chance of life

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

JAYMEE BOWEN'S fighting spirit may have helped her to conquer cancer and survive against the odds, a specialist said yesterday. The 11-year-old girl has shown exceptional resilience during the five years she has been receiving treatment.

Despite suffering repeated disappointments as her cancer has recurred, and undergoing three courses of chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant, she has never lost her optimism, vivacity or determination to beat the disease.

Dr Jayesh Mehta, the leukaemia specialist who pioneered the experimental treatment given to Jaymee in April, said her positive outlook, even after the bone marrow transplant failed, was an important factor in the decision to go ahead.

Dr Mehta, co-ordinator of the bone marrow transplant programme at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, said: "Most patients feel once a transplant has been performed that that is the end of their troubles. Once they find the cancer has returned, a lot get very dispirited and lose their capacity to cope with the treatment. A positive attitude is very important in the patients, and in their doctors."

The experimental treatment, donor lymphocyte infusion, involved clearing the leukaemia cells from Jaymee with a course of chemotherapy and then flooding the body with cells taken from the bone marrow of her sister, Charlotte, with the aim of preventing the leukaemia recurring. Between April and June Jaymee had five infusions and she is still free of the disease.

Dr Mehta published results of the treatment on nine adults in *Bone Marrow Transplantation* earlier this year. All had suffered a recurrence of their cancer after a bone marrow transplant and had been expected to die, but four remain alive.

"It is undoubtedly a valuable treatment although we had not tried it in children," Dr Mehta said. "Jaymee is not out of danger yet. She could relapse at any time in the first two years. If she survives two years then the chances are high that she will be cured."

Jaymee was treated by Dr Gravett, with advice from Dr Mehta, at the private Portland Hospital in London after her local health authority refused to fund experimental treatment. The cost was met by an anonymous donor. Last month the commission began paying for her treatment again.

Dr Ron Zimmern, director of public health for the authority, said: "We never declined to fund standard treatment or continuing care. We were adamant we would not pay for experimental treatment. Now that phase is over, we considered it right to pay for her continuing treatment." If she relapsed and further experimental treatment was proposed, "we would be back to square one", Dr Zimmern said.

Doctor optimistic

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through more suffering to live than not to go through anything and die. Of course, there are some children who would do that. But I'm not one of them'."

She said she found out her leukaemia, which she has had since she was five, had returned last January. "I just got called out of assembly and told you've got a bug in your blood. You have to go back to hospital. I'm thinking 'Oh no here we go'. I thought it would just be something very slight that they could get rid of with some antibiotics. And I went in and I found out that I had to have more chemotherapy.

"That didn't exactly make me feel any better because I'd just spent the past three or four months growing my hair. And it didn't make me feel any better that I had to go and lose it again — fourth time."

The High Court had ruled that it could not force the health authority to provide the treatment and Jaymee's treatment began only after an anonymous donor had offered to pay £75,000.

Yesterday the Court of Appeal was told that there is no money left to pay for further experimental treatment and Jaymee's father wanted the ban lifted to raise enough money to pay for treatment in case of relapse.

The court was told the girl's father has a contract with the *Daily Mirror* which has so far paid £6,500 and was making £13,500 available for further treatment. Another £3,000 would be provided if the newspaper could name the girl and her family.

Jaymee is being admitted to the Portland Hospital, London, for 48 hours during her half term break.

Gill Faldo denies reports of £7.5m divorce settlement

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE wife of the golfer Nick Faldo yesterday strongly denied reports that her husband had offered her a divorce settlement of £7.5 million.

In a statement issued through her solicitors, Gill Faldo said that no such offer had been made and that the question of a financial settlement following their recently announced separation had not even been discussed. She asked that private matters concerning her marriage be dealt with privately.

Earlier this week, some newspapers reported that the Faldos were separating and that the three-times Open champion would make a generous settlement to enable him to pursue a relationship with Brenna Capelak, a 20-year-old American student and golfer.

The figure of £7.5 million, which has not been attributed to any source, appears to have been no more than a back-of-an-envelope calculation based on halving Faldo's estimated assets of £15 million.

After the initial press reports, IMG, the company that manages Faldo and other sporting stars, issued a statement on behalf of the couple saying that, after nearly ten years of marriage, they had decided to separate. The statement made no mention of any financial arrangements.

Yesterday Mrs Faldo's solicitors, Mishcon de Reya, issued a further statement saying that they and Mrs Faldo were "very concerned by inaccurate reports carried in the media over the last few days which suggest that she has been offered a divorce settlement by her husband, Nick Faldo".

It went on: "Both Mishcon de Reya and Mrs Faldo would like it to be known that no offer has been made or the subject even discussed to date. Mrs Faldo is anxious that private matters concerning her marriage should be dealt with privately. She requests that whoever has been disseminating misinformation to the media should cease to do, and that she and her family be given privacy at this distressing time."

The couple, who have three children aged 2, 6, and 9, have enjoyed a successful business partnership. Mrs Faldo is a director of Nick Faldo International, which last year produced earnings for the golfer estimated at £4 million.



Gill Faldo: wants to keep matters private

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Railtrack makes fifth attempt at timetable

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RAILTRACK has started work on the fifth version of its winter timetable a month after the original was found to be so littered with errors that it was forced to publish two volumes of corrections.

A spokeswoman for the company, which is due to be privatised next spring, said the final, definitive and, hopefully, error-free network train timetable would be available to passengers in January. "Every effort is to be made to ensure that the timetable is accurate at the time of going to press," she said.

The new version of the timetable will be available free to people who can prove they bought its predecessor, which is fast becoming a collector's item. In the meantime, a third volume of corrections to the £7.50 original is to be published next month. The new supplement will include all the corrections in the 300 pages of the first two supplements as well as correcting their mistakes.

The 2,100-page timetable covering September to May was the first produced by Railtrack, which split from British Rail in April last year. An overambitious attempt to upgrade the timetable by including details of engineering works resulted in mistakes on 50 per cent of its pages.

The timetable was condemned by rail experts as the worst since the nationalisation of the industry in the 1940s. It included dozens of trains that departed at the wrong time or called at the wrong stations, services that had been discontinued and even trains that would collide if they followed the timetable.

The Railtrack spokeswoman said the January timetable would still try to include the engineering work details that led to the mistakes. "We have not given up on that even though there were problems."

Major General Lennox Napier, the chairman of the Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee, welcomed the move. "We know that the new industry is taking time to bed down after its fragmentation and hopefully they will earn from their mistakes."

Railtrack is struggling with a new and highly complex computer system that will eventually revolutionise the way information is collected for the timetable. However, it is unlikely to be ready in time for the summer timetable.

TUBE FACES THREE DAYS OF DISRUPTION

Commuters face three days of disruption next month when London Underground workers stage a 48-hour walkout over pay and conditions. The strike by drivers and station staff in the RMT transport union will start at noon on Tuesday November 7 and end at noon on Thursday November 9, hitting peak travel on three working days.

The escalation of the dispute follows a ballot of RMT members in which they voted by two to one to continue their action. The union has already held three one-day strikes that have brought disruption to the Northern, Piccadilly, Victoria and Central lines.

The union is due to hold further talks with London Underground officials today over job security, one of the main sticking points in negotiations.

Hasty sandwich feeds bacteria's appetite for life

BY LIN JENKINS

THE rapid pace of modern life was blamed yesterday as a main cause of the record number of food poisoning cases in Britain.

Dr Patrick Wall, of the Public Health Laboratory, said that the rising demand for fast food, especially the lunchtime takeaway sandwich, had greatly increased the breeding ground for pathogenic bacteria. Their effects range from stomach upsets to miscarriages and death.

The dangers lurking in the lunchtime sandwich have been highlighted by the closure of a sandwich factory supplying Marks & Spencer where a "potential presence of salmonella" was discovered two weeks ago. The factory remained closed yesterday. A spokesman said that it would resume production when given the all-clear by health officials.

One study by environmental health officers found that 92 out of 113 sanwiches tested failed to meet one or more criteria used to determine microbiological quality. The bacteria in some included listeria, which can cause miscarriages or stillbirths, salmonella, staphylococcus, which is spread by unwashed hands, open wounds, sneezing and coughing, and Escherichia coli.

Last year there were 82,000 incidents of food poisoning reported to the Public Health Laboratory, a rise of 14,000 on 1993. Cases have increased more than fivefold in a decade. About 60 people a year die.

No definitive statistics are gathered on the causes of food poisoning but a study by the Consumers' Association magazine *Which?* last year found that one in six sandwiches surveyed contained bacteria. Sandwiches account for a quarter of the takeaway food business at a time when one in three meals is consumed outside the home, according to industry experts.

Dr Wall, a consultant epidemiologist, said: "The problem is the lifestyle we are leading. We say we cannot wait when we want a meal or a sandwich and so the pre-preparation provides the opportunity for contamination."

Sandwiches sold at small shops, petrol stations and newsagents after being prepared by small suppliers in domestic kitchens were found to carry the highest risk. The filling which runs the highest risk of contamination is chicken, which when poorly cooked can contain salmonella, campylobacter or listeria, followed by other cooked meats, egg and prawn. Within six hours in a warm environment, four bacteria in a moist sandwich will multiply to more than a million.

The safest fillings are corned beef, tuna and sardines, since they come out of the tin uncontaminated, and cheddar cheese, which is not moist enough to encourage bacteria to multiply.

According to the British Sandwich Association, a third of the population eats a ready-made sandwich every day and 94 per cent eat them at least once a month.

New regulations under the Food Safety Act 1990 came into force last month, putting the onus for hygiene and food safety on the manufacturer. Sandwich producers, whether they are large factories supplying supermarket chains or smaller kitchens serving sandwich bars, are legally obliged to take steps to control the problem.

Local councils also check that the system is working and do a site visit to every sandwich manufacturer at least once a year. The big retailers — Marks & Spencer, which withdrew more than 80,000 sandwiches, is the largest — have their own food scientists. They carry out checks and link hygiene to contracts by stipulating maximum bacterial levels.

The final sanction is the courts. Local authorities are not slow to act when regulations have been breached. In recent years victims have also resorted to the courts. Two nurses who still suffered from irritable bowel syndrome five years after contracting salmonella from an airport sandwich received £68,500 and £115,000 damages.

Jury told Charmaine's photo fixes death date

BY RICHARD DUCE AND BILL FROST



Charmaine West: body found at former home

A PHOTOGRAPH of a smiling seven-year-old girl dominated the trial of Rosemary West yesterday as the prosecution called a dental expert in its attempt to prove Mrs West responsible for the murder of her stepdaughter.

Within the darkened courtroom a picture of Charmaine West's skull was superimposed on the photograph as Mrs West watched impassively from the dock. David Whittaker, a consultant dental surgeon, said he believed only "a very short period of time" had elapsed from the time the photograph was taken until Charmaine's death.

The professional studio photograph was taken on April 29, 1971, while Mrs West's husband Frederick is known to have been in prison. He was released three months later.

Charmaine's body was recovered at the Wests' former home in Midland Road, Gloucester, after police began their investigation in February 1994. Dr Whittaker, an expert in forensic odontology, said that he used the photograph of Charmaine to match dental similarities with the child's skull. Charmaine had lost her two front baby teeth and the permanent adult teeth had still to come through. In a child of Charmaine's age the growth of teeth was "very rapid". When the skull was superimposed on the photograph they provided an exact match.

Dr Whittaker, who used a projector screen to demonstrate his evidence, told the court: "There was no appreciable growth in dental structure. That's why I believe that a very short period of time took place between the photograph being taken and that position being found in the skull."

Asked earlier by Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, to bracket the time of death after the colour photograph was taken, Dr Whittaker said: "Not more than two to three months. It could be less."

Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, had said that it was possible to abscond from Leyhill Open Prison, where Mr West was being held, during the night and return the following day without being noticed. Mr Ferguson did not cross-examine Dr Whittaker.

Mrs West, 41, denies the murder of Charmaine, her stepdaughter, as well as the murders of eight girls and a young woman whose remains were found at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester. The court has heard that Mrs West told neighbours Charmaine had returned to live in Scotland with West's first wife Rena Costello, the child's mother.

The body of Rena Costello was subsequently discovered in a field close to West's childhood home in Much Marcle, Hereford and Worcester. Mrs West is not charged in connection with her death.

The prosecution concluded its case and the trial was adjourned until Monday.

SECRET TAPE RECORDINGS

Rosemary West's conversations were secretly recorded by police after she was released on bail last year. Bugs were installed at 25 Cromwell Street and the safe houses where she was living before she was rearrested.

Detective Superintendent John Bennett said police listened in daily to her conversations. The tapes were checked for "anything of evidential value". The recordings had been given the go-ahead on the ground that they might bring to light "intelligence to gain the truth".

In the event, the tapes disclosed nothing to bolster the Crown's case against Mrs West, the court was told. Cross-examined by Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, Mr Bennett said that one of his officers who tried to sell the story to a newspaper or a publishing house had been removed from the inquiry.

Scientists discover power of the birds and bees

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR



A hummingbird in the experiment undertaken to monitor its energy output

THE hummingbird, whose muscles pack the biggest punch of any vertebrate, has been out-performed by the orchid bee.

The hummingbird's flight was tested to the limit on the aerial equivalent of a treadmill. The experiments showed that even though their normal hovering power is remarkably high, hummingbirds have plenty in reserve. But the orchid bee, weight for weight, is even more impressive.

Two American scientists flew hummingbirds inside a clear 3ft plastic cube, encouraging them to hover by providing food through a tube. Then they made them work progressively harder by pumping in heliox, the mixture of helium and oxygen used by deep-sea divers. Heliox contains the normal proportion of oxygen, but is only a third as dense as air.

This meant that the birds found themselves hovering in thinner and thinner air. Eventually they could no longer sustain flight and fell to the bottom of the chamber floor, but without doing themselves any injury.

Reporting in *Nature*, Dr Peng Chai, of the University of Texas at Austin, and Dr Robert Dudley, of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama, say that the birds achieved a peak power output of 133 watts per kilogram of body weight.

They were able to keep flying at air densities less than half that at sea level, equivalent to an altitude of almost 20,000ft. Their peak energy output was 36 per cent greater than that required to hover at sea level.

Film of the birds showed that they managed to keep airborne not by increasing the frequency of their wing beats, but by taking longer sweeps. The frequency changed hardly at all, from just under 50 beats per second to almost 52, but the angle through which the wings swept on each beat increased from 140 degrees to near 180 degrees. At this point, the wings were touching each other at the top and bottom of each sweep, leaving the birds with no further recourse. They crashed and could not take off again.

Calculations show that the hummingbirds achieve higher peak power, expressed as a fraction of bodyweight, than any other vertebrate. But the orchid bee, which has also been flight-tested by Dr Dudley, puts them in the shade.

These bees can achieve peak power outputs of 160 watts per kilogram, and unlike the hummingbirds can keep flying even in pure heliox, which consists of 79 per cent helium and 21 per cent oxygen. Like the birds, the bees increase the sweep of their wings to remain aloft, but even in pure heliox the angle of sweep reached only 142 degrees.

Snoozing sheriff puts dangerous driver in the clear

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A MAN had his conviction for dangerous driving quashed on appeal yesterday after the court was told that the sheriff at the original hearing had fallen asleep.

Judges at the Justiciary Appeal Court in Edinburgh heard that Temporary Sheriff John T. Dean began to snore loudly as a police officer gave evidence in the case of Andrew Frew at Ayr Sheriff Court on August 21. A court official tried to wake the sheriff by banging on the bench. The court lapsed into an embarrassed silence before Sheriff Dean woke up and asked the procurator fiscal to reexamine the witness who was being cross-examined by Mr Frew's lawyer.

Despite the incident, the sheriff went on to find Mr Frew from Auchinleck, Strathclyde, guilty of dangerous driving. He was fined £250, banned for a year and ordered to resit his test.

Yesterday the Appeal Court judges, Lord Ross, Lord Morison and Lord Prosser, ruled that justice had not been seen to be done. They were told that it was an extremely hot day and the court had no air conditioning.

Sheriff Dean told the Appeal Court in a statement that he was "unaware of anything untoward" and that what had occurred "may not be unique in judicial history".



GP able to speak after months in coma

BY EMMA WILKINS

A DOCTOR has awoken from a coma after a car crash three months ago in which her husband was killed. Dr Fiona Smith, 39, a GP from Dundee, is able to talk to her three children, who were in the family car but escaped injury when it crashed during a touring holiday in northwest France.

Dr Smith's husband James, also a GP, was killed when a lorry collided with the family's car near Tours in July. The couple's children, Dominic, 14, Fenola, 12, and Kevin, 7, were cut free from the wreckage.

Father Bernard O'Connor, the family's priest at St Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Dundee, said: "Some of our parishioners think this is miraculous. I prefer to think of it as a response to prayer.

"She emerged from the coma about a month ago but didn't seem to be responding at that time and the family had been told to expect the worst. It's quite extraordinary."

Dr Smith, who is recovering at St Mary's Hospital, Lanark, is now able to get out of bed and sit on a chair. Her colleagues at the Muirhead Medical Centre, Dundee, said yesterday they were delighted with her progress.

Smaller class sizes will cut crime, says Tumim

BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

Child welfare groups in Scotland have called for an end to the practice of putting children into adult jails because of a lack of places in secure children's homes (writes Gillian Bowditch). Last year 39 young people between the ages of 14 and 16 were locked up in adult prisons in Scotland. The figure is almost double that of the previous two years. Annie Gunner, of the charity Children in Scotland, said: "Having children in jail undermines the philosophy of the welfare principle." John McNeill, chief executive of the prison welfare organisation Nacro, said: "Imprisonment should be used for those for whom it is appropriate. We find it difficult to believe it is appropriate for 14-year-olds."

SMALLER class sizes and a campaign against truancy will help to stop children becoming criminals, the Government's Chief Inspector of Prisons said yesterday. Judge Stephen Tumim said prisons were full of "basically uneducated" young men who had "failed in, or had been failed by, our schools".

He said young offenders repeatedly told him they either did not attend school or received too little personal attention from teachers, which Judge Tumim blamed on large classes.

His comments will add to the controversy over class sizes, stoked earlier this week by government figures showing a 30 per cent increase in primary school pupils in classes of 40 or more in the year to last January.

Judge Tumim was speaking yesterday at the launch of a report based on interviews with 250 prisoners, which found that 43 per cent had played truant from secondary school. They were three times as likely as non-offenders to be bullies at school; a quarter had been expelled; and more than half passed no exams.

Angela Devlin, author of *Criminal Classes*, said many were disaffected because problems such as dyslexia and hearing impairment went overlooked in big classes.

Judge Tumim said: "Small classes and concentration on the individual seems to me to be frightfully important. If you have very large classes, you are always going to get into trouble." He said truancy was also important and offenders told him they skipped school because they were bored or because it was "trendy".

Judge Tumim said: "I talk to prisoners all the time and when I ask them why they cannot read or write properly, the answer is that they did not go to school. I come across young people who have played truant, and no one seems to have done anything about it."

Mrs Devlin spent two years asking inmates of 12 prisons whether anything could have been done at school to keep them out of custody. She said: "So little notice was taken of these people, and that goes with large classes. A lot of them said they were in a class of 30 or more and felt disregarded. They said over and over again that teachers did not have time to listen to them. They felt that if anybody had taken a bit of notice of them, they might not have ended up where they were."

Ms Devlin concluded: "From what the prisoners told me, teachers and head teachers are key players in the limiting of offending behaviour. Rather than apportioning blame for rising crime, politicians should provide funding for preventive measures.". Case histories in the research often cite truanting, class size, bullying and abuse at home as factors influencing criminal behaviour.

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Worm turns back clock on human ancestry

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE ancestry of backboned animals, including man, has been pushed back still further by the description of a fossil found in China.

The worm-like creature, *Yunnanozoon lividum*, was no more than an inch or two long. It dates from 525 million years ago, the time of the "Cambrian explosion" when the Earth was populated by a huge range of exotic creatures including, it seems, the ancestors of all today's species.

Yunnanozoon was found in Chengjiang, in Yunnan province, and is described in *Nature* by an international team led by Dr Lars Ramsköld of the University of Uppsala in Sweden. Though small and apparently insignificant, the creature possesses a notochord, a strengthening rod that runs the full length of its body. This makes it the earliest-known ancestor of vertebrates, including birds, fish and mammals. All have the same basic body plan, pioneered by *Yunnanozoon*: a mouth at one end, a tail at the other, and a strong link holding them together.

Dr Ramsköld and colleagues say that the creature was a chordate, and the earliest known to have adopted this body plan. If so, it will outdo the *Pikaia*, found in the Burgess Shale formation in Canada and dating from a few million years later. *Pikaia* was believed to be the earliest chordate.

Professor Stephen Jay Gould, whose book *Wonderful Life* tells the story of the Burgess Shale discoveries, says the new find means that all the divisions of life we know today arose during the Cambrian explosion, a bare ten million years lasting between 530 and 520 million years ago.

In *Nature* he comments on the new fossil, saying that it is "a beautifully preserved and unambiguously identified chordate". The fact that its character was formed so long ago quashes human pretensions that we derive from a more advanced form of life that developed later.

The miracle is that this insignificant creature survived, for many of the forms that emerged so suddenly subsequently disappeared for ever.

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Inspector criticises four forces

Inner-city police worst at catching violent criminals

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

FOUR police forces in areas with high levels of violent crime were criticised yesterday as being among the worst at catching the culprits.

Senior officers in the Metropolitan Police, Merseyside, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands were told to do better in tackling violent crime and bringing offenders to justice. Trefor Morris, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, said at a press conference in Whitehall that the four forces policing the biggest urban areas "need to look very carefully at their performance".

The forces with the best performance in clearing up violent crime were Dyfed Powys, Gwent, Wiltshire, North Wales and Suffolk. Mr Morris's annual report also expressed alarm that an average of 60 per cent of all retirements in 1994-95 were on medical grounds, soaring as high as 80 per cent in some forces.

His report showed that in Merseyside the number of violent crimes detected per 100 officers in 1994-95 was about 110; in Greater Manchester and the West Midlands 130, and 145 in the Metropolitan Police. These figures compared with an average of 181 for all 43 forces in England and Wales, excluding the City of London.

Mr Morris identified the four forces after saying that generally police forces which recorded relatively high levels of violent crime achieved high detection rates. But the four forces had high levels of violent crime and low detection rates.

"Nationally the detection rate for violent crime was 76 per cent but individual forces varied between 48 and 100 per cent. The average detection rate for house burglaries was 24 per cent but individual figures varied between 9 and 50 per cent.

He cautioned against too simplistic a reading of comparisons. "Violent crime covers a wide range of offences and any interpretation of performance must take account of the mix of crime and the degree of difficulty in policing particular areas," the report said.

The heavy demand on the police was highlighted by figures showing officers responded to 19 million incidents in 1994-1995, answered six million 999 calls and dealt with 2.7 million incidents that required immediate action.

A reduction of 1,200 officers at the rank of superintendent and chief inspector had freed the resources to create 1,300 more constables, but a failure to create severance packages for middle ranking officers was delaying restructuring in some forces, the report added.

Mr Morris also criticised discrimination against women and ethnic minorities in the police. Surveys showed "an undercurrent of inappropriate behaviour, largely undetected and, or, unheeded by supervisory staff".

Mr Morris, a former chief constable of Hertfordshire, said the recent announcement of another 5,000 officers would help bridge the gap between the increasing demands on officers, the rise in crime and the marginal increase in resources.

☐ *Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, Annual Report 1994-95* (HMSO, £20)

JOSS BARRATT



Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth in the wedding scene from *Pride and Prejudice*, to be shown on BBC1 on Sunday

TV journal gives away Austen's denouement

FOR half the country, it is a cliffhanger that reaches its denouement on Sunday. The other half have known the ending to the story since their schooldays. But for anyone in doubt over how Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* finishes, the *Radio Times* gives away the plot.

This week's magazine features colour photographs of the wedding of Elizabeth and Mr Darcy, played by Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth in the BBC dramatisation.

The novelist Fay Weldon was among those thought yesterday that, however predictable the ending, the *Radio Times* should not have disclosed it: "You know they are going to get married because that is how romances work. But it is the overcoming of the obstacles that is the fun."

Nicholas Brett, editor of the *Radio Times*, said: "Unlike virtually every other magazine and newspaper, we don't trade in giving the game away. I cannot believe any readers do not know the ending."

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Clean-up begins after storms batter country

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A CLEAR-UP operation was under way yesterday after gales and heavy rain swept much of the country, bringing down trees and closing roads.

Some areas of Northern Ireland were without electricity until yesterday afternoon after 100 mph gusts cut power lines. Sailings to Pembroke were cancelled in the morning for a safety inspection.

Seventy-two oil rig workers on the Fulmar platform, 115 miles southeast of Aberdeen, were flown to safety in gale-force winds after a 5,000-tonne accommodation barge broke free from her tow-line and drifted towards them. Four helicopters and an RAF Nimrod were used in the rescue.

A windsurfer in the Solent, who toppled from his board in the high winds, survived by clinging to a wartime wreck exposed by an unusually low tide. Jan Kawalski, from Chiswick, west London, hung on to the wreck for three hours before being picked up by a lifeboat and taken to hospital in Cosham, Hampshire, where he was treated for hypothermia. A Solent coastguard said that Mr Kawalski had been lucky because the low spring tide which reveals the wreck occurs only every 28 days. "Normally there would not be sufficient of the wreck exposed to grasp on to."

The Irish Sea ferry *Isle of Inishmore*, which was grounded after being ripped from her moorings in gusts of 100 mph at Rosslare, Co Wexford, was refloated yesterday.

A spokesman at the London Weather Centre said that, while much of the country would remain gusty today, the weather front bringing the gales had passed.

A woman who spent more than 12 hours on a storm-lashed ledge after trying to commit suicide at Beachy Head was in a hospital in Eastbourne last night, recovering from hypothermia. The woman, 25, from Great Yarmouth, jumped off the cliff and fell 50ft before being blown on to the ledge. A search was started after her car was found with a letter on the front seat.

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Lady Trippier: failed test

Crash driver was using telephone

A FORMER government minister's wife crashed into another car and a motorway crash barrier as she ended a conversation on her mobile phone.

Sir David Trippier's wife Ruth, 40, a barrister on the Northern Circuit, was fined £650 and banned from driving for 15 months by magistrates at Bury, Greater Manchester, after she admitted failing to provide a specimen of breath.

Lady Trippier, whose husband had been Environment Minister, failed a roadside breath test. Later at the police station she managed to carry out only one test which showed that she was nearly twice the legal limit. However, because she could not provide a second sample, despite three more attempts, she was charged with failing to provide.

Boys blame gang for rail death

A SCHOOLBOY who was electrocuted when he fell on to a 750-volt railway line was trying to escape from a gang of youths, his friend told an inquest in Surrey yesterday. A verdict of accidental death was recorded on Steven Clements, 14, who tripped and fell across the rail after an afternoon swimming.

The jury at Esher Coroner's Court was told that Steven and two friends had gone on to the tracks at Leatherhead after being threatened by half a dozen youths. The boys told police that the gang pulled branches off trees and brandished them as weapons.

One of Steven's friends told the inquest: "We started walking down the lines and Steven saw a train coming from behind. Then he fell and hit the line. I pulled him off the tracks and he was having a spasm." He gave Steven mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage but he died three days later in hospital.

Detective Chief Inspector Vic Miller, of British Transport Police, told the inquest: "Inquiries were made to trace this group of people but they proved negative. One witness said he saw the three youths climbing over the fence on to the railway line but he could see no one chasing them or in the area at the time. I can be sure that whatever took place was accidental. No third party was involved."

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Daily rate could be up to £2,000

Whitehall considers plan to charge for civil court hearings

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE involved in civil disputes may face a daily court hearing fee of £2,000 in the High Court and £800 in the County Courts under proposals being considered in Whitehall.

The pay-as-you-go charge would mean a huge rise in the cost of bringing or defending claims in the civil courts. At present people pay for launching civil actions but not for the daily cost of being in court.

The controversial option is one of several being examined by a joint working party of officials from the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Court Service. The options will be put to Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, next month and he will complete a discussion paper that is likely to be published before Christmas.

The plan for a daily hearing fee comes as the cost of bringing cases before the highest court in the land, the House of Lords, are about to rise eight-fold. The new House of Lords fees, including £500 for petitioning to obtain leave to appeal, come into effect on November 1 and take the average cost of an appeal before the House of Lords to £4,500.

The concept of the pay-as-you-go fee is to close the widening gap between the cost to the Exchequer of running the civil courts and the fees reaped from users. The present system is criticised in that everyone pays at the start of a legal action but only 3 per cent of summonses or writs issued ever reach a hearing. "The majority is therefore paying for the minority who actually use up a lot of court resources," one official said.

The full daily cost of the civil courts is estimated to be £1,000 for County Courts and £2,000 for the High Court. Officials are also investigating options for retaining an entry fee, such as for issuing a writ, with a reduced pay-as-you-go fee.



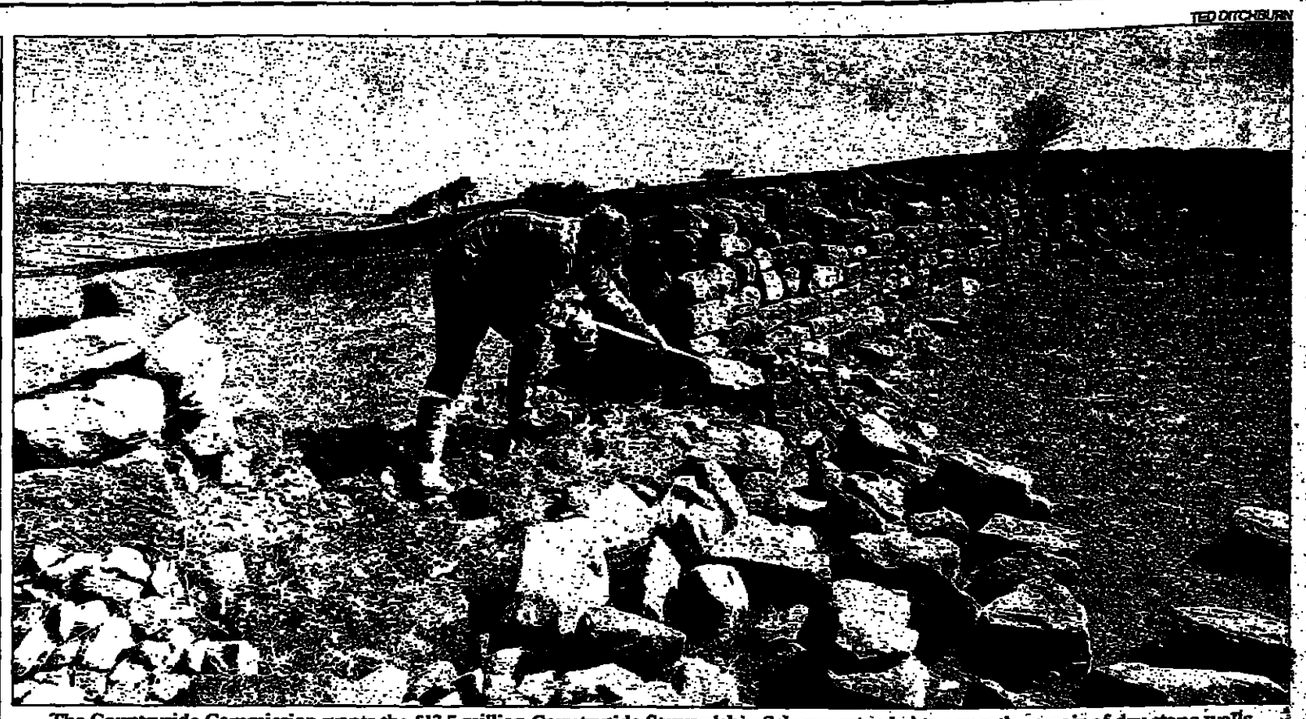
Boateng: fears justice would be for rich alone

Another option would be to have a sliding scale so that the longer the case, the higher the daily hearing fee. However, the Lord Chancellor is also concerned that the fees should not be set at such a level that they deny people accesss to the courts.

Paul Boateng, Labour's frontbench legal spokesman in the Commons, said yesterday: "If these figures of £2,000 and £800 are being considered, I would say the effect would be to put justice out of reach of the ordinary consumer. The individual, who is already faced with the high cost of professional assistance, would be further prejudiced and disadvantaged by unacceptably high levels of daily fees."

If fees were to be increased, he added, the rise should be gradual and must ensure that "those who use the courts on a regular basis pay a greater share than those who use them just occasionally to protect or enforce their rights".

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TED DITCHBURN

The Countryside Commission wants the £13.5 million Countryside Stewardship Scheme extended to cover the repair of dry-stone walls

Farm subsidies 'spoil the countryside'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

FARM subsidies are damaging the countryside and must be made more environment-friendly, a government advisory body said yesterday. The Countryside Commission called for spending to be doubled on schemes offering farmers grants to minimise destruction of plant and wildlife habitats.

The commission also attacked Defence Ministry plans to fire multiple-launch rocket systems on the Otterburn training range in the Northumberland National Park, which "could result in the most adverse development in any National Park in many years". On the subsidies issue, British farmers will this year receive £2.7 billion from taxpayers under the European Union's common agricultural policy. More than 95 per cent will subsidise food production rather than care of the countryside.

"Some of the CAP's most damaging aspects have been modified, but we believe the CAP and its associated measures continue to act against the interest of the countryside," the commission said in its annual report published yesterday.

The commission wants annual expenditure on the Countryside Stewardship Scheme raised from £13.5 million to £50 million within three years. Five thousand farmers have joined the scheme since it was launched by the commission in 1991 and they are receiving grants to restore or preserve 60,000 acres of upland landscape, 50,000 acres of riverside meadows, 45,000 acres of lowland heath and 26,000 acres of chalk and limestone grassland.

One of the successes has been the recovery of a rare flower, the late spider orchid (*Ophrys arachnites*), on a downland site in Kent. Re-introduction of sheep grazing and scrub control has resulted in at least 40 specimens being recorded there last year, compared with five in 1990.

The commission wants the stewardship scheme extended to cover the repair of dry-stone walls, afforestation of derelict land on urban fringes and conservation of more chalk grassland.

A survey by the commission found that 87 per cent of the 70,000 miles of dry-stone walls left were deteriorating or derelict. Repairs are expensive, at £20 to £30 a yard. "The Government pays farmers grants to erect wire-and-post fencing, which makes it cheaper for them to put up a fence than to repair a wall," Mr Dower said.

☐ The Ramblers' Association called yesterday for subsidies to Britain's 60,000 hill farmers to be replaced by a basic income supplement. In return, the farmers would be required to maintain stone walls, allow walkers access to moorland and restrict livestock to prevent overgrazing.

Lairds want right to cull protected birds of prey

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE leader of Scotland's lairds demanded yesterday that landowners be allowed to cull protected birds of prey, such as sparrowhawks, hen harriers and peregrine falcons.

Graeme Gordon, convener of the Scottish Landowners Federation, which represents 4,000 landowners, says various types of hawk are destroying grouse and garden birds. He wants the Government to issue licences allowing landowners to cull them and suggested that birds could be trapped and removed and nests and eggs destroyed in order to avoid killing them.

The call was immediately condemned by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which said there was no evidence to justify it. Stuart Housden, the RSPB's director for Scotland, said: "Most birds of prey are still rare and are only slowly returning to their former numbers before decades of illegal persecution and persistent agricultural pesticides took their toll. Deliberate illegal persecution of these birds continues to be a real problem."

There were 170 reported cases of illegal killings of birds of prey last year, according to the RSPB. Gamekeepers were believed to be responsible for many of them. Hen harriers, peregrine falcons and sparrowhawks bore the brunt.

Mr Gordon, speaking at the Scottish meeting of the Standing Conference on Countryside Sports, said he knew his words would be regarded as "heresy" by some. But he said they were mainly urban people, "who are unable to accept that the countryside has to be managed and who now regard raptors as some kind of sacred creature."

He said: "Twenty years ago at this time of year I could take a small party of friends to walk over the hills in Galloway and hope to shoot a bag of grouse, partridge, pheasant, duck, snipe and maybe a blackcock or woodcock. Today it would be a barren walk."

Mr Gordon said part of the problem was the public's ignorance of country life. "The urban public is now a generation or more away from having everyday knowledge of rural life and does not understand the need for man to manage the balance of nature in a managed countryside."

Mr Gordon's call was also condemned by the Earl of Selborne, chairman of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee. "The three statutory conservation agencies will oppose any proposals for the licenced control of birds of prey. The populations of birds of prey should be allowed to reach equilibrium without direct control by man."

Farmer shoots wolf that killed nine sheep

A WOLF being kept as a pet was shot dead by a farmer in Northern Ireland yesterday as it attacked sheep. The animal killed nine sheep and injured several others in Co Fermanagh before being shot.

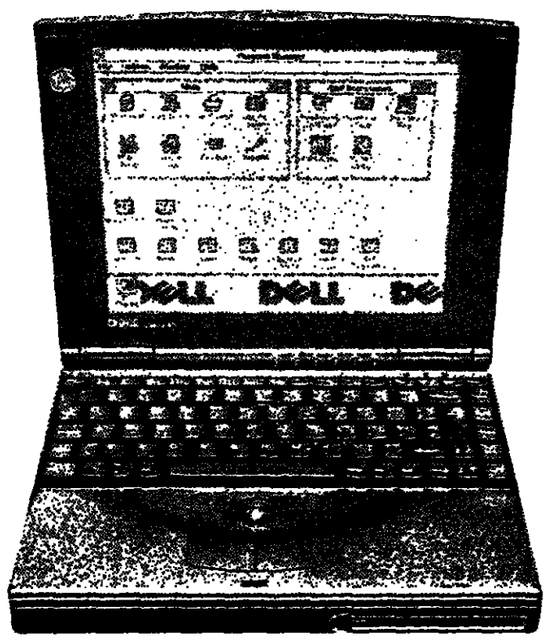
The three-year-old wolf, called Chatto, had been running wild for more than a week after escaping from a pen at its owner's home near Lisnaskea. Police and dog wardens tried several times to capture it alive, using meat as a lure, and were once within feet of it, but it ran off.

The farmer opened fire in a field at Bunloughter, an isolated mountainous area five miles from where the wolf escaped. James McFarland, who bought the wolf for £300 to cross-breed it with a German shepherd dog, was distraught, according to friends. Police said: "We will want to speak to the farmer to find out the exact circumstances."

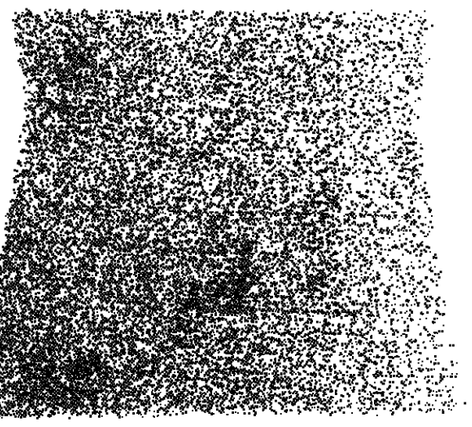
Inspector Mark Deane, of the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the farmer had no choice. "It's unfortunate, but the farmer has to protect sheep and look after his interests."

☐ A giant red stag was being examined by vets yesterday after being captured at the end of a four-day hunt by the RSPCA. The stag, an adult male with a full head of antlers, was first seen on Saturday at Borth, Dyfed, and may have escaped from a farm. It evaded capture until RSPCA inspectors managed to tranquillise it at Clarach Bay, near Aberystwyth. "It's a complete mystery as to how it came to be in this area," an RSPCA spokesman said.

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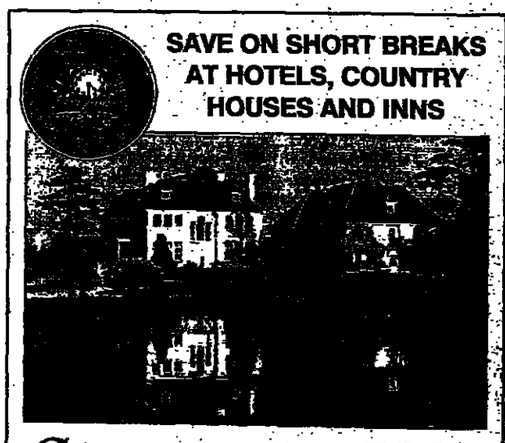
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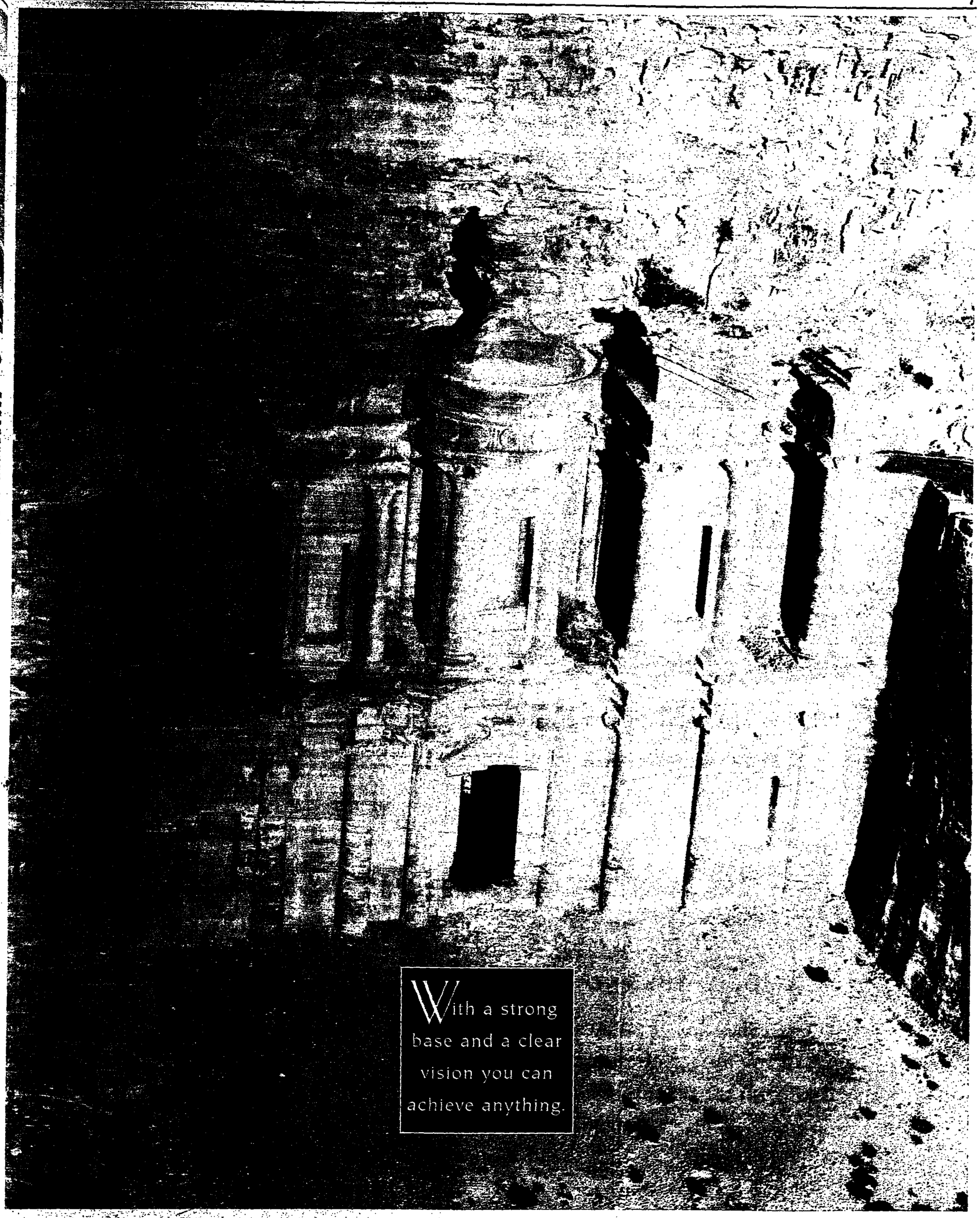
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Lottery millions to boost careers of young and talented

BY JAMES LANDALE, ALICE THOMSON AND PHIL WEBSTER

TALENTED young people are to receive millions of pounds in National Lottery funds for projects to boost their careers and benefit their local communities.

A plan by the Millennium Commission, one of the five *distributors of lottery money*, to create a "talent fund" will be unveiled next week. Yesterday it won cross-party support in the House of Commons.

Under the scheme, young athletes, artists, scientists, designers, *musicians and inventors* will receive bursaries for projects that develop their potential and help the community.

On Monday the Millennium Commission will begin a *six-week consultation with* charities and other organisations to decide how the scheme should work. Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, told the Commons that more details would be announced next week.

Yesterday Jack Cunningham, Shadow National Heritage Secretary, backed the move, saying that talented young people tended to be ignored and should be given greater support.

During a debate on the National Lottery, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was warned by a former Cabinet minister against raiding lottery funds to pay for tax cuts in *next* month's Budget. David Mellor, who was National Heritage Secretary when the lottery was being planned, said that it would be a "spectacular own goal".

He said that the tax take of 12 per cent from the lottery proceeds had brought in £500 million this year, plus corporation tax on the profits of Camelot, the operator, and was a "nice little earner for our Ken". *But he disclosed that the* 12 per cent figure represented a defeat for the Treasury at the time. Its ambitions had been set at a much higher figure.

"One gathers there are senior figures in the Treasury *who still bear the bruises of* what they regard as a defeat in failing to get a tax rate that was higher. And if anyone should have it in contemplation to introduce a higher tax rate in the forthcoming Budget, *I really must urge them to* think again.

"In the history of own goals, that would merit a chapter all on its own."

An increased tax rate, which he said was allowed in the *rules and 60 per cent of which* would come out of prize money, would damage the credibility of the lottery.

Opening the debate, Dr Cunningham attacked the "excess profit-making" by Camelot and urged the Government to ensure that more money *went* to charitable causes. A Labour government, he said, would set up a non-profit-making operator when Camelot's *contract ran out*, releasing much more money to sport, heritage and the arts.

Dr Cunningham challenged Mrs Bottomley to curb Camelot's profits, estimated at £1 million a week. He said there *was huge public support* for giving more money to charities. He also deplored any plan to replace government spending with lottery money.

Dr Cunningham branded the National Lottery Charities *Board as "submerged in bu*reaucratic obfuscation" and attacked the delay in distributing funds. Only £40 million out of a total £213 million had been given out, he said. Labour would also create a *lotteries consumer council to* oversee Oflot, the lotteries regulator.

"We on this bench support the lottery. We want to develop and build upon its success. Our proposals would reinforce the best aspects of the lottery and make it more open, fair and accountable. The Secretary of State has the necessary powers to make most of these changes now. She should do so."

Mrs Bottomley said the lottery had been a tremendous success. "It is a success which Labour's approach would ruin, denying an unprecedented opportunity for thousands of good causes to realise their dreams year after year." She derided suggestions by church leaders that big prizes needed to be capped because they brought misery to the winners and denied that the lottery threatened a gambling epidemic. "Capping the prizes and cutting the fun is the route to equal distribution of very little. Big jackpots are the route to generous distribution of a great deal."

She confirmed that lottery money was additional to public spending and ended with an attack on Labour's lottery policy, describing it as "snuff out success, punish profit and cheat the good causes of the deal they deserve".



Blair increases big poll lead over the Tories

BY PETER RIDDELL

TONY BLAIR and the Labour Party have increased their *commanding lead in the opin*ion polls since the party conference season.

A MORI poll for *The Times* shows that the display of public unity in the Tory party since John Major's re-election as leader in July has yet to alter voting intentions. Labour is now on 56 per cent, up five points over the past month after making gains among men and skilled workers. This is around the average level this year. Tory support has slipped one point on the month to 27 per cent, towards the top end of this year's range, while the Liberal Democrats are three points down at 13 per cent, at the bottom end of this year's ratings.

Party ratings have fluctuated in recent months after the leadership election and the rumblings of party discontent against Mr Blair in August and September. But the latest poll, undertaken last weekend, shows that the net effect has been to leave the parties roughly where they were in the spring. Any firming in Tory support since then has been very slight.

Mr Blair's personal approval rating, which dipped in the late summer, is now back to near its previous high levels. By a two-to-one margin, the public is satisfied rather than dissatisfied with his performance as Labour leader. Labour supporters approve of his record by a six-to-one margin.

Mr Major's rating with the public has barely been affected by the most harmonious Tory conference *since* 1992. This suggests it made more impact within the party than on the public. His approval index, measuring those satisfied rather than dissatisfied with his performance, is now minus 36 points. This compares with minus 34 points a month ago, and minus 45 to 50 points *in the spring*. However, Mr Major has improved his position among Tory supporters. His approval index is now plus 34 points, double that of the spring.

Satisfaction with the way *the Government is running* the country has increased to its highest level since April 1993, but is still only 15 per cent, with 78 per cent dissatisfied. Half of Tory supporters are dissatisfied with the Government's performance, with just over two fifths satisfied.

Paddy Ashdown continues to enjoy a positive rating as Liberal Democrat leader.



□ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,929 adults at 150 ward sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on October 20-23. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (9 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or refuse to name a party (2 per cent).*

MPs press Mackay to drop divorce Bill

THE Lord Chancellor will face strong Tory opposition today to his plans to reform the divorce laws (Arthur Leathley writes).

A divorce Bill, to be included in the Queen's Speech next month, would allow couples to divorce after one year rather than have to prove that they have been living apart for two years. *It would also change the* rules allowing divorces after six, or even three months, in cases involving adultery or unreasonable behaviour.

Senior backbenchers will *meet* Lord Mackay of Clashfern today to press him to drop his plans, which they say will lead to more divorces. Cabinet ministers believe that, with up to 100 backbenchers opposing the Bill, a free vote *would spare the Government* any embarrassment.

More all-women shortlists imposed

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S policy of women-only shortlists ran into further controversy last night when the party's ruling body *decided to force the scheme on seven* constituencies.

The National Executive Committee is to impose shortlists in six constituencies in the North West and one in London to try to speed up implementation of the scheme, which has already provoked *widespread opposition. Under the party's* policy, each region is required to field women candidates in 50 per cent of vacant seats and marginal seats, as part of the drive to secure more women Labour MPs.

Although most constituencies have volunteered for the scheme, the NEC has *imposed women-only shortlists for three* seats, Slough, Gravesham and Great Yarmouth, after local resistance to the policy. Yesterday the NEC decided that party officers should immediately impose shortlists in the North West. It decided in principle to impose a shortlist *in one London constituency but left the* enforcement of that decision to the discretion of party officers, to allow more time for volunteers to come forward.

The controversial scheme is to be reviewed after the general election, when it is likely to be dropped. Although Tony Blair wants to increase the number of *women MPs, he is unhappy about* imposing shortlists on constituencies.

Thirty-nine women-only shortlists, out of a potential 49, have been drawn up throughout the country and 34 women candidates have been selected. Leeds North East has had to draw up a new *shortlist after its candidate, Liz Davies*, was rejected by the NEC last month.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: backbench debates were followed by Foreign Office questions and a debate on the National Lottery. In the Lords: debates on environmental issues in Central and Eastern Europe; Employment Rights Bill; Gas Bill; Industrial Tribunals Bill; and *promotion of tourism*.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to Northern Ireland ministers and the Prime Minister. Debates on Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill, remaining Report stages of ministers' Opposition Debate, Opposition whips' and officers of Parliament; and Accommodation (Level Crossings) Bill, third reading. In the Lords: report from select committee on sustainable development; decision to close the accident and emergency department at Edgware General Hospital.

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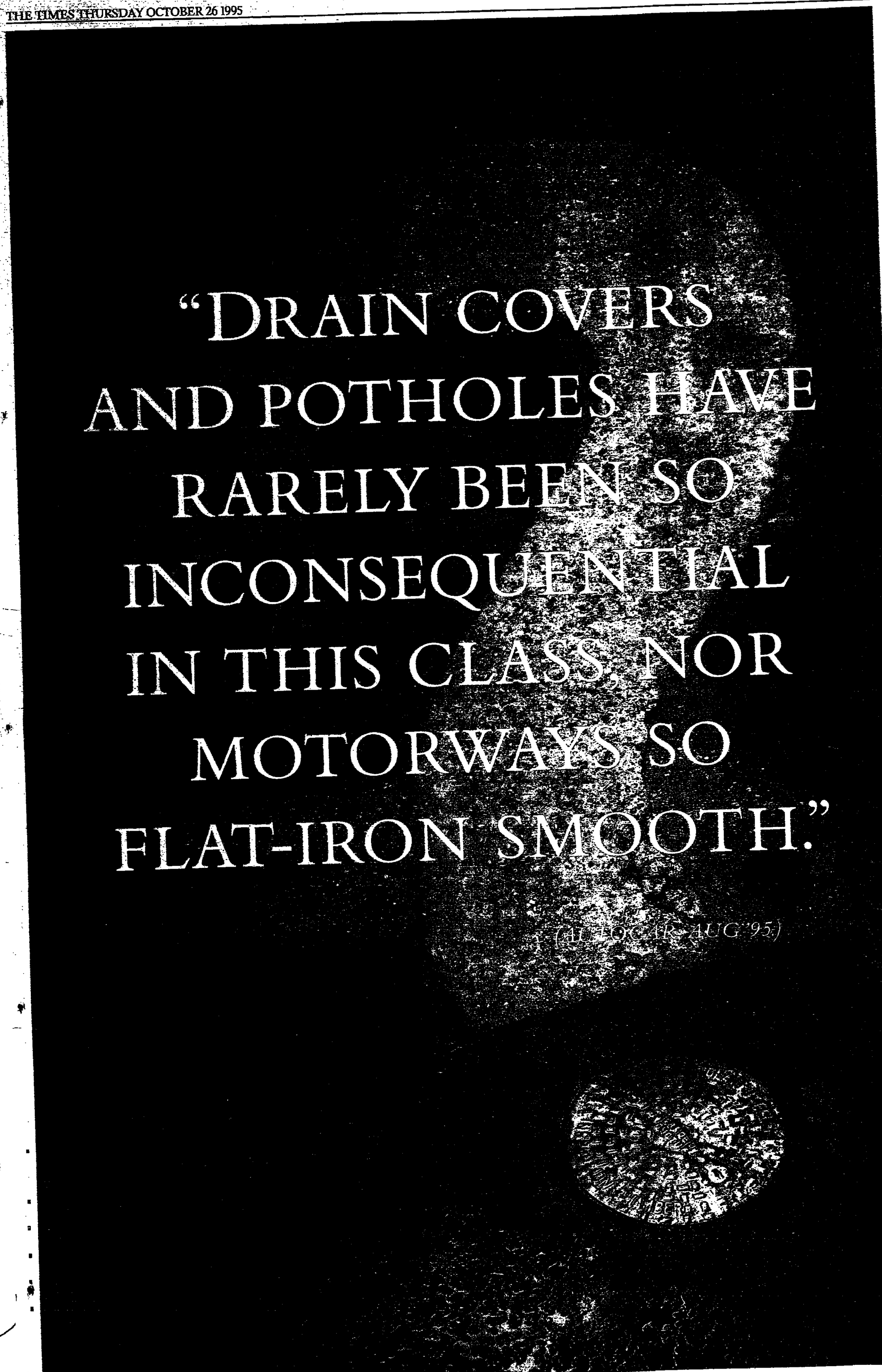
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Opponents say proposals will send some political refugees home to persecution and possibly death

Howard moves to curb rise in asylum seekers

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

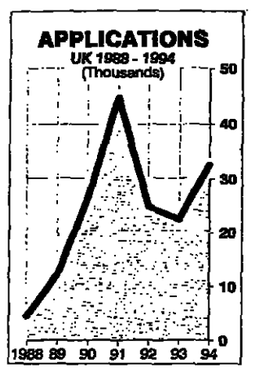
MICHAEL HOWARD yesterday defended proposals to clamp down on asylum applications as opponents accused him of playing the race card in the run-up to the election.

The Government is to publish a "white list" of countries deemed to be safe. Asylum applications from residents of those countries will be presumed to be unfounded.

A number of African and East European countries, including Poland, Bulgaria and Romania, are expected to be on the list. Home Office sources said last night that the list was unlikely to include Nigeria, Algeria or Sri Lanka.

Refugee groups claimed that the Government had already been operating a trial white list. A pilot scheme to accelerate asylum applications from seven countries — Ghana, Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Romania and Poland — has been completed by immigration officials. The Home Office said it was simply an administrative change involving the earlier interview of applicants.

The list will be the centrepiece of the Asylum and Immigration Bill to be unveiled in the Queen's Speech next month. It will also include measures to accelerate the asylum appeals process and to make employers carry out checks for illegal immigrants.



Mr Howard said the Bill sought to identify bogus asylum seekers and would not penalise genuine refugees fleeing persecution. "You will find most European countries employ a similar form of control," the Home Secretary told Radio 4's *The World at One*.

"This country is seen as a very attractive destination because of the ease with which people can gain access to jobs and benefits. While the number of asylum seekers for the rest of Europe is falling the number in this country is increasing. Only a tiny proportion of them are genuine refugees."

Alun Michael, a Labour home affairs spokesman, described the proposals as "part of the unthinking nature of the Conservative lurch to the Right". He said: "This is an attempt to play the race card. There is a need to deal with those who are not entitled to asylum but what we seem to have here is an enormous muddle at the heart of government."

Nick Hardwick, chief executive of the Refugee Council, said the consequences of such measures would be grave. "It would certainly mean that individuals would be returned to their own countries, where they would face persecution, imprisonment and, in some cases, death."

The number of asylum applications rose from less than 4,000 in 1988 to a record 44,840 in 1991, declining to 22,370 in 1993. It is estimated the number will reach 40,000 this year.

Only 825 of the 20,990 applicants dealt with in 1994 were granted asylum. 3,660 were given exceptional leave to remain in Britain and the rest were refused. At the end of 1994 there were 55,255 applications outstanding. In 1994, 99 per cent of asylum applications from Poles and Romanians were refused and 97 per cent of those from Bulgarians.

The term "white list" was first used in a government-commissioned report on the asylum appeal procedure published last year by KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant and management consultant.

An applicant from a country on the white list will have his or her case dealt with on an individual basis but because the claim is presumed to be unfounded the burden of proof will be on them.

Applications deemed to be unfounded will be dealt with under a "severely truncated" appeals process of 42 days rather than the normal period of up to 18 months. Appeals against removal to a safe third country will be allowed only after an applicant has left Britain.

The other key part of the Bill is an attempt to deal with illegal immigrants. Employers are to be required to check the records of potential recruits in an effort to stop illegal immigrants working.

Mr Howard's original plan to fine employers that hired illegal immigrants met strong opposition in the Cabinet, particularly from Gillian Shephard, the Employment Secretary. She felt that it could be seen as racist and would impose an additional burden on business. The Home Secretary has promised a "light regulatory approach".

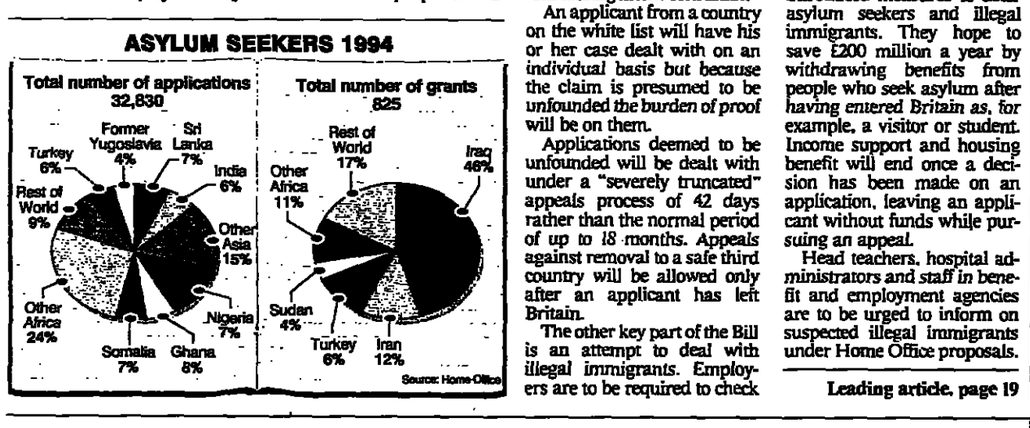
Ministers have already introduced measures to deter asylum seekers and illegal immigrants. They hope to save £200 million a year by withdrawing benefits from people who seek asylum after having entered Britain as, for example, a visitor or student. Income support and housing benefit will end once a decision has been made on an application, leaving an applicant without funds while pursuing an appeal.

Head teachers, hospital administrators and staff in benefit and employment agencies are to be urged to inform on suspected illegal immigrants under Home Office proposals.

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JOHN STURROCK

Somali refugees at Harmondsworth detention centre, west London: last year only 825 out of nearly 21,000 applications for asylum were approved



Border smugglers stay in business

From Michael Kallenbach in Bonn

GERMANY

UNTIL Germany tightened its asylum laws in 1993, it was easy to enter the country. All that a political asylum seeker had to do was utter the word "asylum" at the border and entry was constitutionally guaranteed while papers took months to process.

Asylum seekers poured in at a rate of 100,000 a month. Now the figure is reduced to 30,000 and the paperwork is processed more rapidly. Last year there were 6.9 million immigrants and asylum seekers in Germany.

Despite the overhaul of the laws, the problem remains. Germany still gets nearly half the asylum seekers in Europe — the highest of any European country — and there is intense debate on the question.

So-called *schleppers* — those who smuggle people into the country — continue to infiltrate Sri Lankans, Azerbaijanis and a variety of eastern Europeans across Germany's eastern border, which covers terrain that is difficult to patrol.

Although Germany has treaties with its eastern neighbours allowing the automatic deportation of illegal entrants, the system is time-consuming and open to abuse. The *schleppers* often charge thousands of dollars and mostly use the narrow waters of the Oder at the border with Poland at night.

Next month, Germany's Constitutional Court will decide whether the Government is still too lenient with asylum seekers and will rule on the constitutionality of the 1993 compromise.

Hard line aims for 'zero immigration'

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

FRANCE

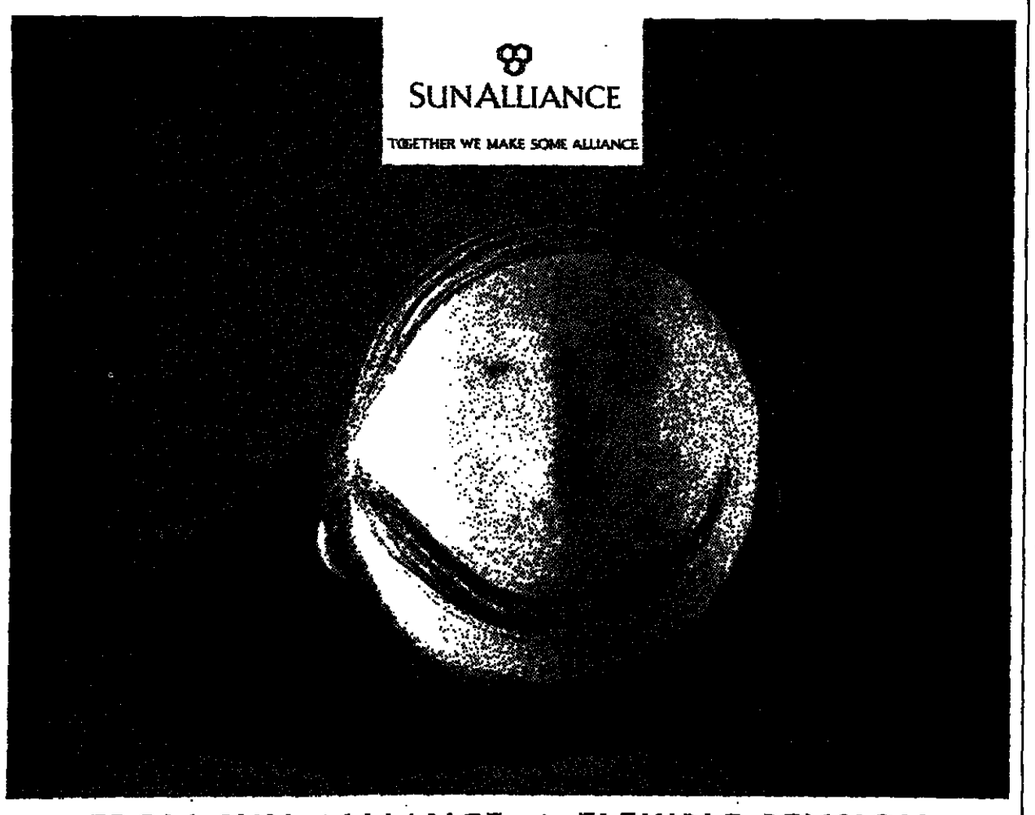
THE hardline former Interior Minister Charles Pasqua introduced new immigration and asylum laws two years ago, pledging to bring France "towards zero immigration". Under the rules, which form part of the Schengen agreement on frontier controls, anyone who seeks asylum having been resident in another European country is liable to be sent back.

Yet in 1994 more than 26,000 people applied for political asylum in France, with 8,000 deemed eligible and allowed to stay. In a population of 57 million, France has four million legal immigrants and an estimated half a million illegal immigrants.

To qualify for asylum, applicants must prove they would be subjected to political persecution if sent back. There is no official list of which countries are deemed more or less likely to persecute their citizens, but applicants from non-democratic countries are more likely to be granted asylum.

The conflict in Algeria has more than tripled the number of Algerians applying for asylum over the past three years. Few are successful, yet applicants are often allowed to stay on a temporary basis under interim legislation. France has also received increased applications from Asians, Romanians and political refugees from the former Yugoslavia, according to the French Office for Protection of Refugees and Expatriates.

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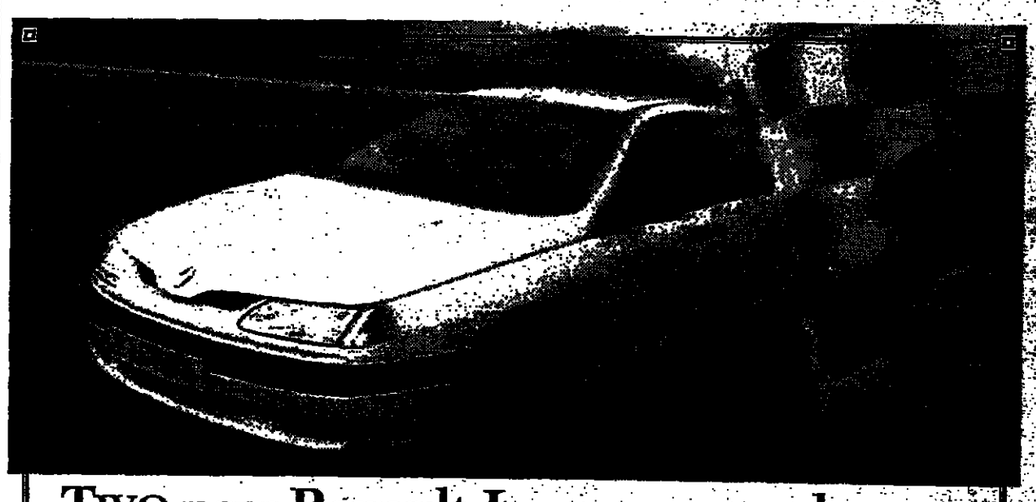
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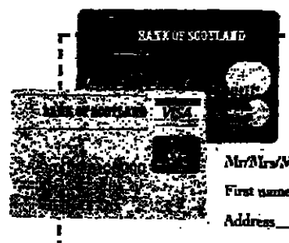
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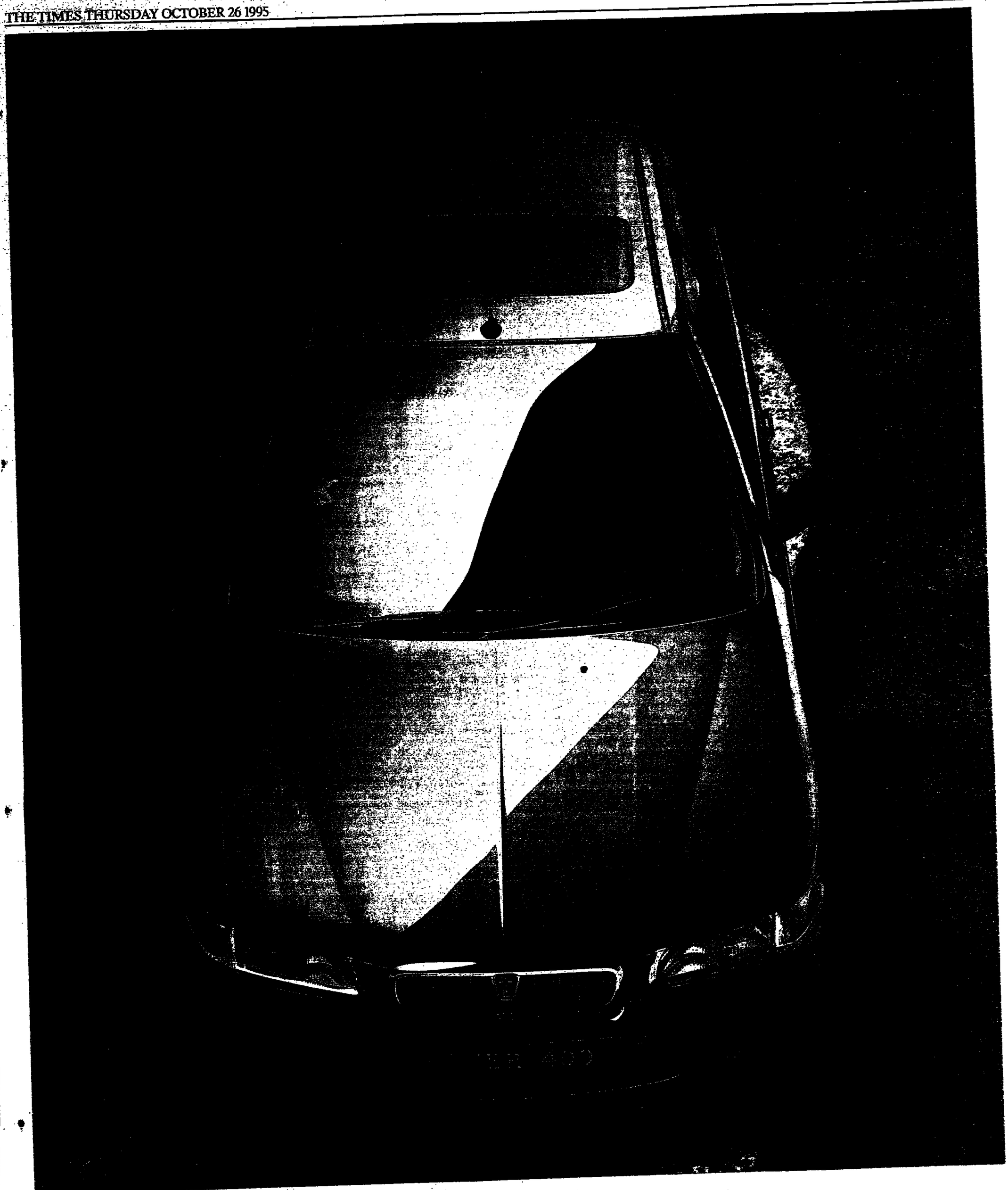
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Palestinians rejoice at end of Israeli rule in West Bank

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JENIN

A PARTY described by one Palestinian as "the mother of all celebrations" erupted in this northernmost West Bank town yesterday as Arabs marked the beginning of the end of nearly three decades of Israeli military rule.

As Israeli forces began a gradual, six-month evacuation from the West Bank towns, a frenzied crowd chanted "with soul and blood we will redeem you, O Palestine" as files were burnt outside the police station. Later, rocks were thrown.

Although only a token force of five uniformed Palestinian policemen armed with AK47 assault rifles arrived from a detachment that will soon be expanded in Jenin to 1,000, they were greeted as liberators of land which Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, predicted will become an independent state "within two years".

One of the banners stretched across dusty streets in which 179 Palestinians died during the intifada greeted the police as "the knights of the homeland". Another stated ambitions that have prompted many of the 144,000 Jewish settlers who remain in the West Bank to start forming a private army: "We start from Jenin our way to the capital of the Palestinian state," it declared.

As far as the eye could see, shops and houses flew the Palestinian flag. Before the peace treaty between Israel and the PLO, that act of defiance could be punished by a year in jail. More significantly, the flags were already flying on public buildings in many parts of the West Bank that the Israelis are not due to leave for weeks.

For those who had witnessed the Israeli withdrawals from Gaza and Jericho in 1994, there was one immediate difference to be noted in Jenin — the scores of Jewish settlements dotting the hills near by. Many of them believe an armed showdown with the 12,000 Palestinian police soon to move into the West Bank is inevitable.

"The only security that a person can invest in is their own training," said Brooklyn-born David Schwartz, a 9mm pistol on his hip and a poster on the wall behind him reading "Peace Through Superior Fire Power". Mr Schwartz, a 34-year-old shooting instructor added: "Some settlers will take the [compensation] money and leave. Some will stay. And some will fight."

In Jenin, Palestinians did not hide their contempt for the settlers. "I do not mind ordinary Israelis, you have to live side by side with them. But not with the settlers, they always carry guns and they want our land," said Salah Abu Gharbia, a driver.

The problem of the 144 West Bank settlements, which Israel hopes to solve temporarily with a costly network of bypasses, and the question of control of Jerusalem have been put off until May, 1996.

Meanwhile, even Palestinian fury at the US Congress's decision to transfer the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by 1999, did not dampen yesterday's enthusiasm for the peace deal.

New York: The United Nations' fiftieth anniversary ended in farce when Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, was ejected from a concert because the Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, said he had gatecrashed.

☐ **Sirte, Libya:** Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, said he was suspending further expulsions of Palestinians, but demanded the right of return for all refugees of the Palestinian diaspora. *(Reuter)*



A West bank boy rises above the crowd in jubilation as Israelis leave the police station in Jenin yesterday. A token force of five Palestinians will replace them

Britain expels Iraqi envoy accused of spying on students

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN yesterday expelled an Iraqi attaché in London after accusing him of collecting information about dissident students in Britain for the Iraqi intelligence service.

Khamis Khalaf al-Ajili, the administrative attaché at the Iraqi interests section in the Jordan Embassy, was declared persona non grata by the Foreign Office and given six days to leave the country. He was said to have "engaged in activities incompatible with his diplomatic status".

Officials said yesterday that Mr al-Ajili, who arrived in Britain in August last year, was known to be working for the Iraqi directorate-general of intelligence. He was one of two attachés permitted to remain in Britain, together with Zuhair Ibrahim, head of the interests section, although diplomatic relations were broken before the Gulf War. Officials speculated yesterday that Britain was unlikely to allow him to be replaced.

Iraq has no way of retaliating diplomatically, as there are no British diplomats in Baghdad. Consular matters, such as visits to imprisoned British citizens, have been carried out on an informal basis by the Russians.

Iraqi opposition groups in London welcomed the expulsion, saying Mr Ajili was an intelligence agent who, like most of President Saddam Hussein's diplomats, worked as a spy. Hamid al-Bayati, from the Supreme Council of Islamic Resistance in Iraq, said some of Saddam's mercenaries had been involved in collecting information about Iraqi political refugees and opposition members for months.

He said Baath Party cells had been active in London, threatening opposition members and attempting to obtain information about their movements. He added that the head of Saddam's private office, who defected recently, had confirmed that all secret service agents abroad were disguised as diplomats.

Officials described the surveillance as "extremely worrying", and a warning that governments must still be wary of Iraq. Despite strong pressure from other Arab countries to relax sanctions against Iraq, which Arab ambassadors in London say are counterproductive and rallying support for Saddam at home, Britain has opposed any relaxation of the United Nations embargo.

The Iraqi interests section had no comment on the expulsion. The last time Britain expelled a diplomat was in May 1994, when an Iranian envoy was ordered out for trying to distribute letters, bearing a forged signature of Douglas Hurd, that misrepresented British policy on Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Jiang and Clinton fail to mend relations

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE summit between President Jiang Zemin of China and President Clinton in New York was always doomed to be a molehill. Although its scheduled time was extended from 90 to 120 minutes, it was plainly an awkward encounter.

After the meeting, the spin doctors struggled. Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and former Ambassador to Peking, said: "We would put the stress on resuming dialogue and exchanges." Robert Suettinger, the National Security Adviser, observed that whether relations were now normal was "a matter of definition".

At Peking's National Academy of Social Sciences, Jin Canrong, an expert on the United States, said although there had been no concrete results, the atmosphere had improved, then adding: "The possibility of ties becoming frozen again cannot be ruled out."

The blunt reality is that for almost 50 years Chinese-American relations have been frozen, thorny or stormy with occasional intervals when Peking and Washington feigned friendship for mutually advantageous reasons.

Mr Clinton and Mr Jiang were not expecting much. A White House spokesman had warned that there would be no "long bomb", a reference to a daring American football play with dramatic results, and just before the meeting President Jiang, without mentioning it by name, tore into Washington in a United Nations address.

Mr Jiang exhibited his humiliation at not being accorded a White House State visit by turning down two venues — one had mounted an exhibit on human rights violations. The frosty meeting finally took place in a concert hall.

González refuses to resign

Madrid: Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, rejected demands to resign and dissolve the Cortes yesterday after his Socialist Government suffered its first serious defeat in 13 years (Edward Owen writes).

The opposition parties united to reject the 1996 draft budget because they wanted to express an unofficial vote of censure against Señor González and his minority Government. He has been accused of approving death squads that killed alleged Basque terrorists.

Trial adjourned

Tokyo: The trial of Shoko Asahara, the Aum Shinrikyo cult leader accused of masterminding the Tokyo underground gas attack that killed 11 people in March, was adjourned when he sacked his lawyer. *(Reuter)*

Train hits bus

Fox River Grove, Illinois: An express commuter train was hit a school bus at a level crossing, killing five people and injuring 30. The accident happened in a suburban area 40 miles northwest of Chicago, police said. *(AP)*

Call to scrap poll

Zanzibar's ruling party has called for the nullification of the Tanzanian island's first multi-party elections hours after the main opposition party made allegations of vote rigging and threatened civil disobedience.

Talks threatened

Miami: The arrest of Fernando Yanez, a suspected Zapatista guerrilla commander, on a weapons charge, has threatened to derail peace talks between the Mexican Government and Indian rebels in the southern state of Chiapas.

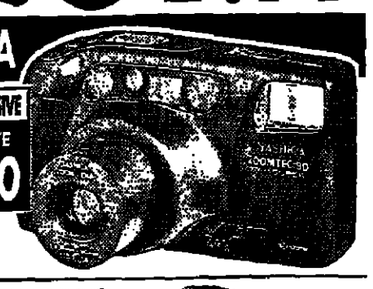
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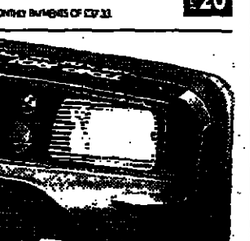
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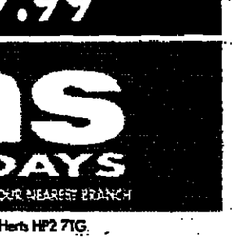


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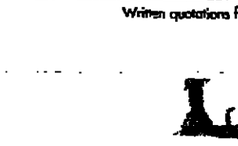
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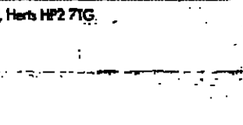
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — THURSDAY OCTOBER 26 1995

ANDRE CAMARA



High-flying dreams: Roger Hurn, chief executive of Smiths Industries, said the company is prepared to invest up tp £400 million in the aerospace sector, which is showing signs of a revival after a spate of large orders including work for the Apache helicopter and the Boeing 777. Story, page 27

Gas shares slump after £1bn liabilities warning

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH Gas shares dropped to their lowest level of the year yesterday after Clare Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Ofgas, said that the company potentially faced liabilities of more than £1 billion for expensive gas that it could not use.

The shares fell 11p to 236½p, passing their previous low of 243p. They have been as high as 317½ this year, but have been in rapid decline since the summer, when it became apparent that the glut of cheap gas on the market would damage British Gas's earnings.

The company welcomed Ms Spottiswoode's comments. A spokeswoman said: "It's helpful to have recognition that there is a problem and that something needs to be done."

British Gas could not, however, estimate the potential liability of the take-or-pay contracts. It said the ultimate cost depended on factors as diverse as its future share of the commercial, industrial and residential markets, the weather and the construction of an "interconnect" link between Britain and the Continent, which could export some of the surplus.

Although the company had already disclosed that its long-term "take-or-pay" contracts were forcing it to buy gas at twice the current spot market price, Ms Spottiswoode's comments rattled the investment community. She said: "I'm quite concerned that if the problem is not manageable, then we should be planning to do something about it."

Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, urged North Sea suppliers to renegotiate their contracts with British Gas. He said: "It is clear that BG can no longer assume all the market risk of selling gas."

Mr Eggar said the Government would have to remain neutral on the issue, but he was prepared "to act as moderator or facilitator to assist the commercial process should I be called upon to do so".

He denied that his speech, made at an energy industry seminar in London on Tuesday night, was timed to coincide with Ms Spottiswoode's comments in order to put pressure on British Gas's suppliers. "I was not aware that Clare had given that interview. There was no conspiracy. Furthermore, I said nothing in that speech that I hadn't said before."

British Gas signed most of the take-or-pay contracts, some of which are as long as 30 years, before its privatisation in 1986. They gave the company long-term security of supply at a time when it had a monopoly on the market.

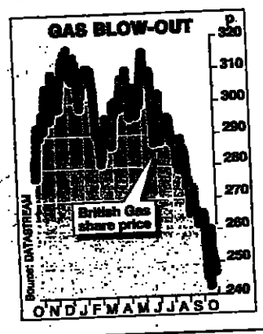
The company blames the Government for much of the oversupply problems. The deregulation of the commercial and industrial gas market has seen British Gas's market share drop to 35 per cent. It stands to lose even more business in 1998, when the domestic market is thrown open to competition.

The price of gas, meanwhile, has plummeted. The spot price is now less than 10p per therm, compared with the 20p or so the company pays under its long-term contracts.

British Gas recently issued a profits warning and said it had already paid £500 million so far this year for gas it could not sell. A provision of £50 million to £100 million will be taken to cover the difference between the contract price and the eventual sale price of the gas.

Analysts think British Gas will have some success in renegotiating the contracts. They said it is unrealistic for gas suppliers to force British Gas to the wall when they have been given the right to enter its markets.

Mr Eggar said: "It is in the industry's best interests to renegotiate some of those contracts."



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National Grid flotation planned for December 11

BY ERIC REGULY

NATIONAL GRID, the electricity transmission company jointly owned by the 12 regional electricity companies, will become a listed company on December 11 in a flotation valued at close to £3.5 billion.

Up to 22 million private electricity customers will receive a one-off rebate of £50 after the float. The rebate will be paid by the electricity companies early next year.

The long-delayed flotation was announced yesterday after Hanson, which recently bought Eastern Electricity, finally received a letter of comfort from Inland Revenue regarding the tax implications.

The flotation — technically a demerger — will not raise any proceeds. The electricity companies will simply pass their Grid shares to their shareholders, who will be be free to keep them, and receive dividends, or sell them in the market.

The Grid, which will be renamed National Grid Group, forecast that it will pay dividends of about £175 million for the year to end of March 1996, and about £190 million in the following years. The precise yield is unknown because the value of the grid shares cannot be determined until they start trading.

About 1.7 billion shares are expected to be issued. That means the shares, assuming a flotation value of £3.5 billion, will initially be worth about 205p apiece.

The entire demerger process is designed to be "cash neutral". The Grid will pay a special dividend of £872.5 million to the electricity companies to cover the capital gains tax payable on the diffence between the initial value of the Grid shares and their flotation price. The special dividend will also help to cover the £50 customer rebate.

An extra rights dividend of £66 million, designed to "level" the relative payments to the electricity companies, will raise the Grid's total cash outlay to £938.5 million.

Holders of the new Grid shares will not have to pay capital gains tax until the shares are sold. The dividends will be taxed like normal dividends.

Four Grid directors are collectively entitled to about £322,000 of special dividends because they have exercised share options that gave them a small equity stake in the company. Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, and several electricity companies thought the directors should forfeit the dividends in light of the "fat cat" executive pay scandal.

The directors refused. But, in a surprise move yesterday, John Uttley, finance director, said he would donate his dividends, worth £64,000 pre-tax, to charity.

The others plan to keep theirs. David Jeffries, chairman, receives £200,000. Eric Chefneux, engineering director, receives £38,000 and Colin Gibson, network director, £20,000. David Jones, chief executive, will not receive special dividends because he only recently joined the company.

Mr Jones said the flotation will give the Grid the freedom it lacks under the ownership of the electricity companies. He said: "We had to go back to the companies for approval for anything we wanted to do. It was getting increasingly difficult to get a concensus."

As an independent company the Grid will pursue power transmission projects overseas. Its first project, worth £400 million, is in Pakistan.

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SmithKline Beecham, the pharmaceutical group, says that revenues from new drugs continued to offset the impact of falling sales of Tagamet, the superdrug that cured ulcers and which is now used to treat indigestion. Tagamet lost its patent in May 1994 and market share fell sharply in the US. **Page 30**

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Norwich Union rating cut

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

STANDARD & POOR'S, the leading credit rating agency, has downgraded its financial strength rating for Norwich Union, the mutual life insurance firm, saying the society will struggle in an environment of reduced sales volumes.

Richard Harvey, Norwich Union's finance director, said he was disappointed at the decision. "I understand that they might be concerned about the sector, but we feel that we have been addressing the challenges of the sector and have demonstrated that we are an outperformer," he said.

S&P lowered its rating of Norwich Union from A plus to AA minus. The agency said that if Norwich Union goes ahead with plans for a flotation in 1997, the potential addition of capital to the group and the access to capital markets that it would provide could enhance its views of its financial strength. However, S&P added that such an event was too speculative to affect the rating.

S&P said its downgrade reflected its pessimistic view of the UK life industry generally.

Gilt auction success boosts markets

BY GEORGE SIVELL

GILTS soared yesterday after the Bank of England's £3 billion gilt auction was subscribed almost two times, a marked contrast to last month's flop which had been the first auction to be undersubscribed.

The success brought relief to markets that had become concerned about the Government's ability to fund the public sector borrowing requirement after the September flop which had also put question marks over the size of any tax cuts the Government might offer in the Budget. It was the most successful auction since June. The offering of £3 billion of 20-year gilts at 8 per cent was covered 1.997 times. The stock was up 1²⁴/₃₂ on the day at 98 at which it yields 8.18 per cent compared to an average accepted price in the auction of 96.25.

The highest yield accepted was 8.33 per cent. Dealers said that several large gilt houses had made high bids, knocking smaller bidders out of the auction altogether. September's auction fell almost £30 million short and that was after what was described as considerable arm-twisting by the Bank of England. The PSBR for the year to March 31 is forecast by the Treasury at £23.6 billion but most economists expect an overshoot of some £3 billion to £5 billion.

The PSBR has reached £20.37 billion so far this year but the calculations are complicated by the bulk of government revenues falling in the last few months of its financial year. The PSBR has been reduced by lottery funds, one City analyst suggested yesterday. David Mackie, at JP Morgan, says the large sums temporarily held by the National Lottery Distribution Fund have reduced the PSBR this year by £700 million.

He says that, between the start of the lottery in November, 1994, and September, £1 billion flowed into the fund, effectively into Government coffers, but only £50 million was paid out. He believes that £300 million will have gone towards last year's PSBR and £300 million towards the PSBR this year.

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Lord Owen to bat for Middlesex

BY ROBERT BOYD

PHIL EDMONDS is heading back to the pavilion and Lord Owen has stepped up to the crease. Middlesex Holdings, aluminium, oil and coal trader in the former Soviet Union, yesterday announced that Lord Owen has been appointed executive chairman. He replaces Phil Edmonds, the former England spin bowler, who will remain a director of the company until June 1996.

When he hung up his negotiating hat in June this year, Lord Owen said: "I want to earn my living in the markets of the world." Indeed, he will earn £50,000 a year to supply background strategy and contacts. The company claims that he will work between three and four days a week. Masoud Alikhani, chief executive, said yesterday: "David Owen has an important contribution to make to Middlesex not least through his extensive range of contacts across the world." Lord Owen appears to have more far-reaching objectives, stating: "I have long believed that a transformation of the economy of the Russian Federation and other CIS states holds the key to a prosperous and peaceful world."



Owen: strategy

For a company operating in as volatile a place as the CIS, Lord Owen appears to be the ideal choice to ensure a degree of stability and reliability. However, is it not the case that anybody who touches Bosnia seems to make enemies in Moscow? An insider at Middlesex explained that this potential difficulty had been discussed at length by the board and that "on balance his wide range of contacts outweigh any negative side".

Middlesex also said it had formed Revenant, a subsidiary, with Sir David Alliance, chairman of Coats Viyella, the leading textile group of which Lord Owen is a non-executive director. Revenant, to be owned 60 per cent by Middlesex and 40 per cent by Sir David, is part of Middlesex's expansion plan and will engage in the worldwide export of steel products from the CIS.

□ Lord Gowrie has been appointed non-executive chairman of Development Securities, the property investment and trading company. He replaces Michael Wigley who is retiring, but who will remain a non-executive director.

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London STOCK EXCHANGE

Warning on Magnox 'millstone'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

NUCLEAR leaders yesterday gave warning that the privatisation of the industry was being threatened by the Government's failure to decide where the liabilities should fall for decommissioning Britain's ageing Magnox atomic power plants.

British Energy, the umbrella company being formed from the planned merger of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, wants to go private with as little load as possible from the £4 billion decommissioning costs for the Magnox stations, leaving it in the private sector with only the more advanced AGR reactors.

But ministers are insisting that the privatisation should go ahead with BE carrying as many of the liabilities as possible — partly to fend off public criticism that the most expensive parts of the industry are being left behind in the public sector in what will become Magnox Electric, though the eventual plan is for the Magnox stations to be taken over fully by British Nuclear Fuels before they reach the end of their lives some time in the first decade of the next century.

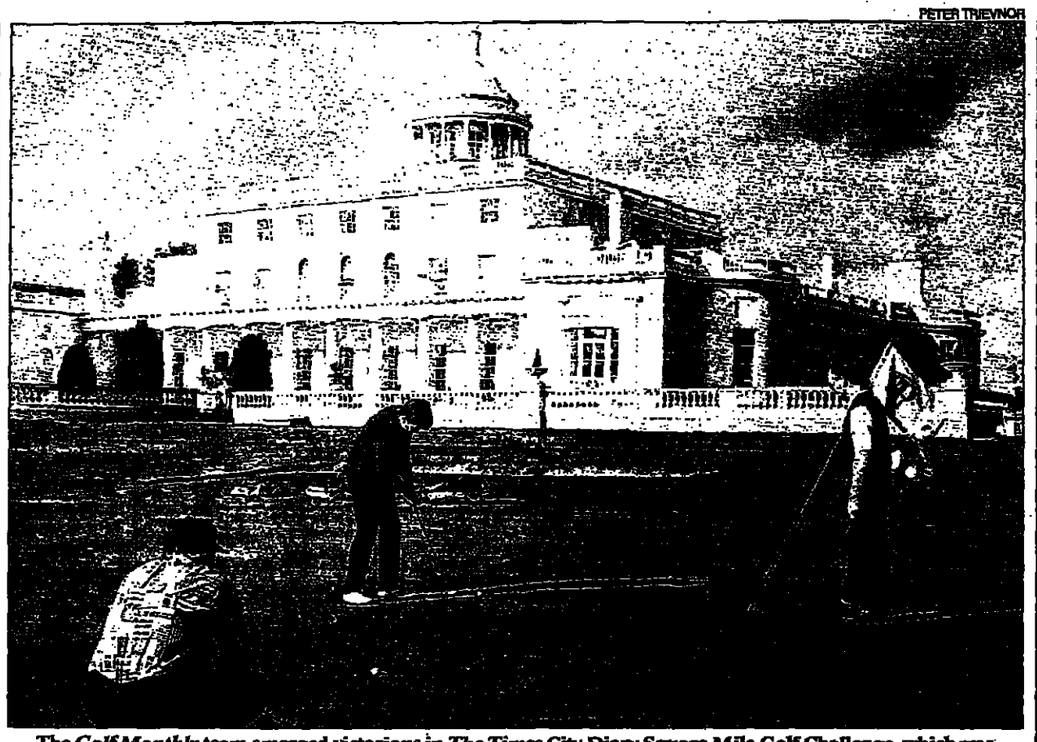
After being questioned yesterday on the industry's future by the all-party Commons' Trade and Industry Select Committee, Robert Hawley, Nuclear Electric's chief executive, said: "If the Government wants us to be a viable company in the future we cannot go out with a millstone round our necks."

Dr Hawley, who will also be BE's chief executive, said that how much of the liabilities BE would carry would, in effect, set the price of sale in the privatisation. In evidence to the select committee, nuclear leaders said that the two Magnox decommissioning so far had cost less than forecast, but they admitted that the cost of full decommissioning could be a significant factor in the price City investors might be prepared to pay for the nuclear industry.

While NE puts its total gross nuclear liabilities at £25.5 billion, and analysts expect that most of this AGR-related liability will be carried into the private sector, the argument with the Treasury will revolve around the £4 billion Magnox liabilities and the cost of as yet-unused nuclear fuel.

Written evidence from NE to the committee showed for the first time that of the £7 billion fossil fuel nuclear levy expected to have been received by the end of 1995-96, £503 million will have been used for other purposes, including new investment and in the upkeep of existing capital assets — especially Magnox.

PETER THEVNOR



The *Golf Monthly* team emerged victorious in *The Times* City Diary Square Mile Golf Challenge, which was held at Stoke Poges Golf Club, in Buckinghamshire, yesterday. More than 30 teams competed for the title

Perks ease pain at the Bank

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

TWENTY years ago Bank of England staff joined straight from school or university. Not only had they got a "job for life", but they would never get a job there any other way.

As the letter to staff from Eddie George, the Governor, demonstrated this week, those days are long gone. Staff numbers have fallen from more than 7,000 in the mid-1970s to 4,000. The reduction started with the abolition of exchange controls in 1979, and has continued ever since.

In his letter, Mr George admitted that morale was low among most staff and that "people see considerable scope for improvement in the way we manage the Bank".

Job cuts, recruitment policy changes and the threat over the future of banknote distribution functions in the regional branches have damaged morale. Staff are concerned about job security and unhappy about the way information is communicated to them.

Those who lose their jobs lose not only their means of support, but perks that go with working at the Bank. Highest profile is the Bank's plush and heavily subsidised sports club in Roehampton, southwest London, venue of the qualifying tournament for Wimbledon and used by the 1966 World Cup-winning England football team. The club is used by staff who live in that part of London, but not by the majority of clerical workers who live east of the City. The Bank has recently tried to recover some of the cost of the club, opening it to local residents and companies.

The biggest loss to most staff would be mortgage assistance. There are three schemes, depending on when staff joined the bank. Under the present scheme, staff pay a 5 per cent mortgage interest rate and the Bank picks up the difference. They benefit too from a non-contributory index-linked pension scheme. The Bank also owns a yacht, *The Ingotism*, enjoyed by Mr George among others, although they pay to charter it. Famously, its mast fell off last year and staff had to be rescued.

The Bank is generally viewed as a good employer, despite the poor morale, and staff are said to have reacted well to setting up of task forces to address the problems.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ban for Asda on some discount sales

ASDA, Britain's third largest supermarket group, was yesterday banned by the High Court from offering discounts on a range of vitamins, minerals and supplements manufactured by Hanson and Roche. Earlier this month, Asda cut prices by 20 per cent on a range of more than 80 products in defiance of manufacturers' rights to set prices on non-prescription medicaments. A few days later, the Office of Fair Trading launched a review of RPM.

As a result, Asda has to restore the prices of Seven Seas products, which are made by Hanson, and of Sanatogen products, made by Roche, to RPM levels. However, no injunctions have yet been sought by other manufacturers affected by Asda's price-cutting move. Sainsbury, meanwhile, is understood to believe that the legal moves were an own goal by the suppliers. Sainsbury is cutting prices on its own label products in reaction. An own label 60-pack of vitamin C now costs £1.59 at Sainsbury. The RPM price is £3.75.

Redwood criticises rules

JOHN REDWOOD yesterday called for far lighter regulation of the City and an overhaul of the Financial Services Act. Mr Redwood, who was Corporate Affairs Minister from 1989-92, said laws designed to protect the small investor were placing an intolerable burden on City firms. Many of the rule books, forms and regulations covering financial services should be swept away. "The law-abiding City is paying too high a price for the crooked minority," Mr Redwood told a London conference organised by BT Financial Services.

VW sales ahead 10.9%

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's largest carmaker, reported strong sales growth in the first nine months of the year, the latest sign of its move to become more competitive. Group sales climbed 10.9 per cent during the period to DM65.2 billion, boosting group net profit to DM185 million. The company reported a DM73 million loss for the first nine months of 1994. VW added that it expected a "clearly better" result for 1995 as a whole than it had in 1994. It said the results were especially good since warning strikes had hit production.

Repossession actions up

LEGAL actions by mortgage lenders to repossess residential properties are increasing again, according to figures published by the Lord Chancellor's department. Mortgage possession actions taken in the county courts of England and Wales in the third quarter rose to 22,091 against 19,560 in the previous quarter and 21,345 in the first quarter. The number of court orders being issued is also rising, with 19,048 made in the latest quarter compared with 18,801 and 18,830 in the second and first quarters of 1995 respectively.

Cookson sells for $92m

COOKSON GROUP, the international specialist industrial materials group, will raise $92 million through the sale of Sythentics Products Company (Sympro) to America's Ferro Corporation. Goodwill amounts to $24 million. The disposal was originally announced in August. Sympro, of Cleveland, Ohio, produces chemical additives for the plastics and rubber industries. At June 30 net assets were $46 million. Operating profits were $9.3 million in the year ending December 31.

Marley acquisition

MARLEY, the building products group, is acquiring Pacific Dunlop's Plastics Group for £21.6 million, doubling the size of its plastics operation in Australia and New Zealand. The business had total sales of £42.7 million in the year to June 30 and operating profits of £4 million. Activities include distributing compounds for the building, footwear and packaging sectors. Marley announced the sale of its former head office site at Riverhead, Kent, for £4.5 million.

WPP lifts revenues

WPP, the advertising group, enjoyed third-quarter revenue growth of 9.5 per cent. The company, split between the UK and US, won high-profile contracts from Kodak, Heinz and Unilever as it moved further to penetrate the US market and expand in Asia. Debt was cut to an average of £233 million (£291 million) in the nine months to September 30. The performance puts Martin Sorrell, chief executive, on course to collect a bonus of up to £25 million in four years' time.

Last CAA founder quits

BILL HABER, the last remaining founding partner of Hollywood's Creative Artists Agency, has resigned. Mr Haber who owns 22.5 per cent of CAA, is to become special assistant to the president of Save The Children Federation, a charity, although many believe he has other plans inside entertainment. His exit follows departures of Michael Ovitz and Ron Meyer, his two founding partners. Mr Ovitz joined Disney, while Mr Meyer departed to run MCA, the film studio.

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Malta	0.592	0.537
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New Zealand $	2.54	2.32
Norway Kr	10.35	9.55
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☐ Contract problems at British Gas ☐ Success for the gilt auction ☐ Shedding light on feudal customs

All adrift in the North Sea

☐ THE duties of the Director-General of Gas Supply, as laid down in the 1986 Gas Act, include securing the supply of gas, protecting the consumer and promoting efficiency. The Act says nothing about second-guessing City analysts, making off-the-cuff remarks about the financial stability of the biggest supplier, or undermining the share price of the same.

For that matter, the duties of the minister for industry do not normally encompass interfering in contracts, however unprofitable, entered into without coercion between private parties.

But Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, was clearly up to the first when she suggested that British Gas might face financial collapse, and Tim Eggar, the Minister, was as clearly contemplating the second in a speech made, quite coincidentally, at a seminar in London on Tuesday night.

Ms Spottiswoode's remarks, at first sight, look unguarded. But take them along with Mr Eggar's contention that the "take-or-pay" contracts entered into by British Gas should be altered and the company's sublime indifference to either.

Together they look like an attempt to apply pressure for some renegotiation that would allow British Gas to operate profitably in the post-1998 fully competitive domestic market.

Mr Eggar is keen to push himself forward as honest broker to any such efforts, not least because British Gas is one of the most widely held shares on the stock market. A descent into dire poverty and any threat to dividends would not be the best advertisment for popular capitalism or the Government's privatisation programme.

Those gas contracts, like any contractual arrangements, can be scrapped or amended, but there would seem to be little reason, other than sheer altruism, why the producers should let British Gas off the hook. The Government's decision to bring forward full competition in the domestic market have combined with the falling gas price to put the company in this quandary. That said, some insiders suggest that the threat of earlier deregulation was flagged up to British Gas when some of the later contracts were being signed but ignored by the company.

Mr Eggar may be concerned with those contracts, but Ms Spottiswoode's terms of reference, under the original Gas Act, are rather wider. She must ensure that those supplying gas are able to finance themselves, but she is also charged "to protect the interests of consumers of gas supplied through pipes in respect of the prices charged". She has made it clear that where those duties contradict each other, it is the interests of consumers that will dominate.

Ken bets on a sure thing

☐ YESTERDAY'S gilts auction had to be a success, coming so close to the Budget and just after the September flop that threatened to blow a hole in the Chancellor's public borrowing strategy.

The stock, therefore, was priced to go, an existing benchmark with the longer 20-year maturity preferred by the institutions rather than the new issue sold in the last auction. The Treasury has shown it can pull off a success, and last month's debacle can be safely put down to special factors such as European monetary union and woes on continental bond markets. The outlook for public sector borrowing is rather more uncertain.

Kenneth Clarke has just one more set of PSBR figures to go before he stands up in Parliament and reveals just what size of tax cuts is politically necessary, if not economically advisable. The City now knows this year's borrowing targets will not be met and is gambling on the size of the overshoot, of perhaps £5 billion on the £23.6 billion Treasury forecast.

The omens for the next monthly figures are not good, with VAT and corporation tax receipts falling. If they are not as bad as expected, the Chancellor may take this as ammunition for his tax cuts. But the prospects for gilts and forthcoming auctions in the months thereafter, before those cuts have had their effect on revenues, are still dubious.

One more thought. The Government's inflation target is 2.5 per cent. A sale of stock paying a real rate of 5.5 per cent does not seem to show much confidence in that forecast.

Standing in the City

☐ THE City is still a weirdly feudal place, even if its arcane ways are lost on most of the thousands who commute there each day. Few customs are as feudal as the election of its aldermen, as Malcolm Matson knows to his cost.

Mr Matson, a businessman formerly in telecoms, was elected to the post, a largely ceremonial one whose main significance is as a pre-qualification to becoming Lord Mayor. He stood against a City councillor, and then found himself blackballed by the other aldermen, the first such ban since the 1970s.

He sought relief in the courts, and in July the Court of Appeal in part supported him, saying he should have been told the reasons for his disqualification. This week he again went before his peers for a second interview and vote and was required to provide further information. He may learn his fate next week.

Mr Matson was elected in the normal way, even if his electorate is a limited one — the 25 aldermen rely between them on 6,000 residential and 12,000 business votes. The geography of the wards in the City means that a qualifying business — a big accountancy firm, for example — can dominate a single ward.

No one will say just what it is the City has against him. There are three criteria. His financial standing would seem acceptable, his knowledge of the City ditto considering how much of it he dug up in his previous job. The third is a rather vague question of suitability. His chances look slim — the vote was 17 to 2 last time. But at least he will be told why his face does not fit.

Jeremiah's lament

☐ A RECRUITMENT expert has proved that we in Britain work too hard. Long hours cause tiredness and affect morale, health and performance, and there is no sign of a let-up in the pressure. While anyone's personal life can suffer, women, apparently, come off worse than men and are three times as likely to be divorced. A second such jeremiad shows that when women do manage to get out of the office and travel, they are treated as second-class citizens by airlines, hotels and car hire companies. Why is it such evidence of widespread tiredness and depression only leaves one feeling tired and depressed?

Smiths Industries may invest £400m in aerospace sector

By Christine Buckley

SMITHS INDUSTRIES, which is working on the Apache helicopter, has signalled growing confidence in aerospace prospects, saying it is prepared to pump about £400 million into the sector.

The company, which has cut 44 per cent of its workforce in this area over the past three years, said it was prepared to fund a purchase with borrowing and paper.

Alan Thomson, the group financial director, said Smiths was becoming more positive on aerospace, as large orders, such as the Apache, the Boeing 777 and the F-18 fighter, begin to move into production and the expected upturn in the industry moves closer. Mr Thomson, who said he thought aerospace would begin to show a strong upward movement next year, said the group had been fortunate in the orders it had won and after the restructuring was well placed to maximise its profits.

In the year to August, Smiths, which expects £150 million sales on the Apache, improved margins in aerospace slightly to 10.7 per cent and said it had continued R&D spending at a rate of 10 per cent of sales.

Overall, Smiths showed a strong benefit from its medical and industrial arms which it has been steadily adding to recently using some of the cash generated by aerospace.

Medical systems account for 45 per cent of operating profits, having climbed from 25 per cent five years ago. The company, which achieved a 34 per cent rise in profits in medical instruments to £63 million, has benefited from an increasing presence in the US. Here, instruments such as a Walkman-like device which can feed in drugs to patients at given times have caught on to the burgeoning care in the community market.

Smiths' industrial division also showed a 34 per cent increase in profits to £37.6 million as a range of acquisitions began to feed through. Over the past three years Smiths has added seven businesses to its industrial portfolio at a cost of £134 million. Its activities include household extractor fan production and the manufacture of vacuum-cleaner cables. Roger Hurn, chief executive, said there were encouraging signs that the momentum in Smiths' industrial sector would continue.

The total dividend is 14.4p, a rise of 11 per cent with the final payment due on January 5.

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Direct Line chief extends contract to 1998

By Patricia Tehan

PETER WOOD, the founder of Direct Line, Royal Bank of Scotland's telephone insurance operation, has moved to allay concerns that he is poised to leave to set up a new US venture, by extending his contract until 1998.

Mr Wood, who is on holiday in Spain, agreed to the changes to his contract by telephone after a RBS board meeting approved them yesterday. Under his current contract, he was free to give a year's notice from January, which meant he could have left in January 1997. He will not now be able to give notice until 1998.

Dr George Mathewson, chief executive of the bank, said: "There has been an awful lot of uninformed speculation and we felt that the market would be happier to see that Peter was committed to the Royal Bank." His modified contract will also permit him to set up a Direct Line-style operation in the US. Under US legislation RBS would be limited to a 5 per cent investment in that operation. If Mr Wood goes ahead, the bank would consider such an investment. It would also receive payment if the Direct Line branding was used.

The bank said yesterday that Mr Wood's new contract will permit him "to invest, together with a number of other associates, in a new US company which will engage in the direct selling of motor and household insurance in the USA, Canada and Mexico".

Dr Mathewson said discussions in relation to the US venture were still at an early stage, and no decision had been made on whether the bank would make an investment.

Ruling may hit Lloyd's

ABOUT £1 billion of extra claims could hit Lloyd's of London after the Court of Appeal upheld an earlier ruling that reinsurers have the right to collect their own reinsurance even if they have not paid the underlying claim (Sarah Bagnall writes).

In total, the ruling is expected to trigger claims of up to £3 billion. The ruling has implications for attempts by Lloyd's to put together a £2.8 billion settlement package for its names.

The judgment, which follows a ruling by Mr Justice Mance in June, will affect the size of premiums each syndicate must pay to offload liabilities to Equitas, the reinsurance company.

EFG makes £8m Casket rescue bid

By Robert Boyd

CASKET, the troubled bicycle manufacturer behind the Falcon, Townsend and British Eaglebrands, is being rescued by EFG, the garden centres group.

Yesterday EFG launched an agreed £8 million all-shares bid for Casket, valuing each share at 8.5p. Casket has approximately 28 per cent of a UK bicycle market worth about £300 million a year. The new enlarged group will be called Tandem.

Casket, Britain's number two after Raleigh, recently announced losses of £12.3 million for 1994, due mainly to the crash of Heidemann Fahrrad, a German subsidiary acquired in 1993.

The Leeds company made headlines with its plans to sell Chris Boardman's Olympic Gold Lotus superbikes. But it suffered an increase in borrowings and a reduction in its asset base which pushed gearing unacceptably high.

EFG, formerly the Economic Forestry Group, also gave its interim results for the six months to July 30, alongside the announcement of its change of direction.

The company reported a pre-tax profit of £2.1 million, including £1.7 million from the sale of Nightingales Garden Centre, against £600,000 last time. Turnover was down £0.4 million to £6.1 million and margins fell slightly.

Casket closed a ½p up at 7½p. EFG slipped 1p to 16p, but EFG directors were buying in. Mervyn Keene, finance director, bought 26,000 shares and Keith Hamer, non-executive director, bought 500,000.

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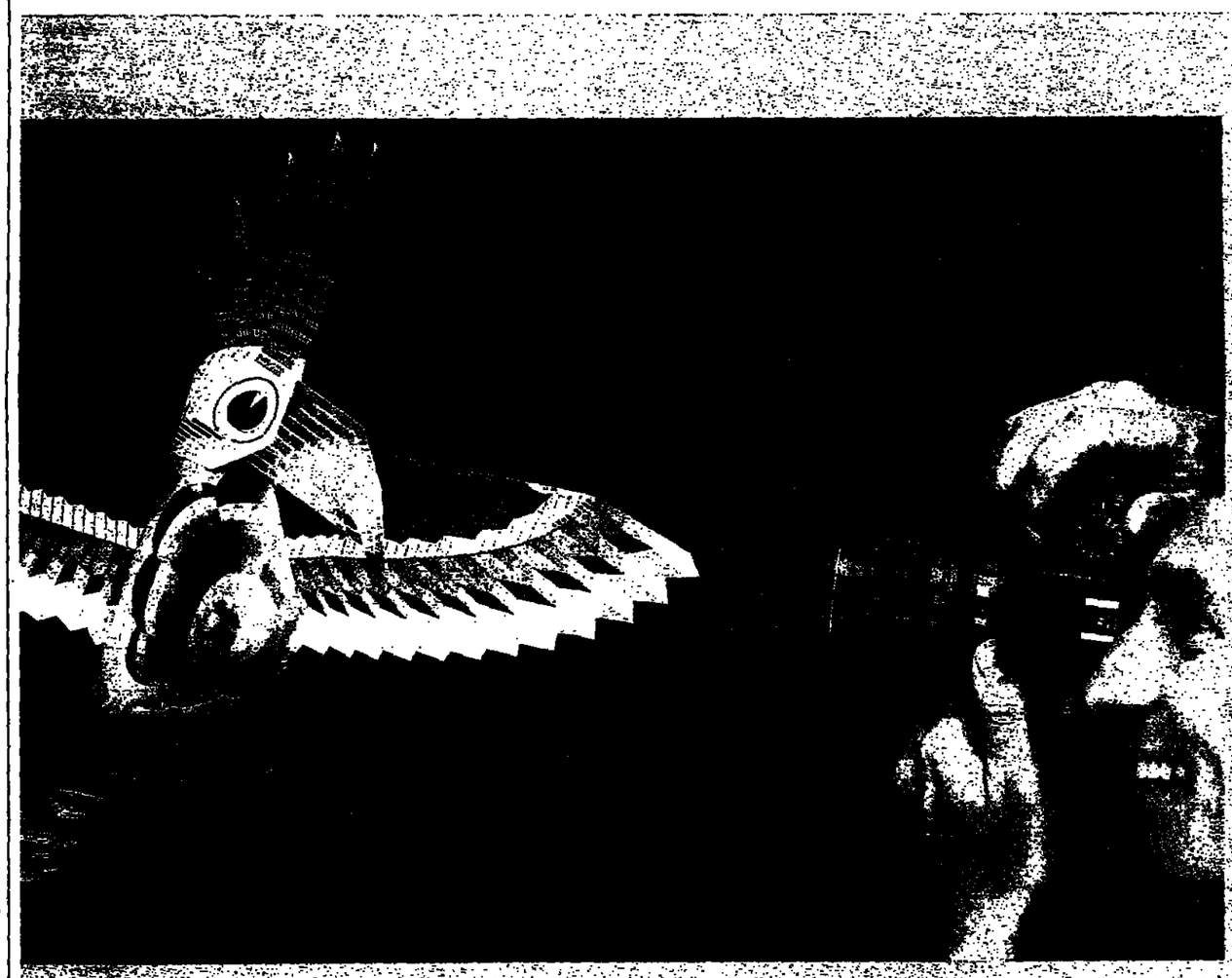
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STOCK MARKET PHILIP PANGALOS

Equities struggle to stay ahead as gilts hold stage

GILTS held centre stage, switching attention from a dull equities market, after strong demand for the Bank of England's latest £3 billion auction ensured healthy covering.

Failure of any of the numerous bid stories to materialise and an early slide on Wall Street dampened sentiment in late London trading. The FT-SE 100 index could not hold an early 16-point rise to above the 3,500 level, ending up just 2.5 points at 3,537.8. Volume reached only 635 million shares, with selective demand for special situations as well as drug and bank shares.

Concern about over-supply in the UK gas market and the impact of long-term take-and-pay contracts knocked **British Gas** 11p lower to 236½p, on heavy volume of 20.7 million shares. There were also losses for other North Sea gas producers such as **Lasmo**, 4p softer at 151p, **Enterprise**, down 5p to 338p, and **JKX Oil and Gas**, 14p lower at 186p.

The regional electricity companies (Recs) showed little reaction to news that December's flotation of the National Grid will provide dividends of £175 million in the year to March and £190 million in the year to March 1997. Each of the 12 Recs' customers will get a discount of £50 on their bills.

Among water stocks, **North West Water** advanced 18p to 588p, on volume of 3.2 million shares, after a buy recommendation from UBS, the broker. Lakis Athanasiou, leading water analyst at UBS, suggests that the shares are too cheap and that there is some way to go, with a level nearer 630p seen to be fair value.

Wolseley, the building materials group, led the way among brighter building-related stocks, boosted as several brokers, including Merrill Lynch, Kleinwort Benson, and Flemings, turned positive on the stock's long term prospects. The shares advanced 20p to 396p.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Travis Perkins** added 9p to 314p, **Meyer**, 15p to 355p, **Redland**, 4p to 354p, **Hepworth**, 7p to 286p and **Barratt Developments**, 6p to 197p.

Meanwhile, **Boots** reversed early gains to end ½p softer at 549p as hopes faded that Asda's discounting proposals for over-the-counter medicines can be opposed by litigation. **Asda** firmed ¾p to 100½p, up 1p at 100½p, on volume of 13 million shares. Elsewhere in the retailing sector, **Laura Ashley** stood out with a 6p advance to 128p, on heavy volume of 4.85 million shares, while **Kingfisher** firmed 3p to 485p in the wake of a recent Superdrug presentation.

Reports of a James Capel recommendation helped **NatWest** add 4½p to 656p, though **Barclays** dipped 2p to 740p, with evidence of switching into NatWest.

However, shares in **ASW Holdings**, the engineering-to-metals group, tumbled 20p to 176p after a profits downgrade by SBC Warburg, the broker, who is understood to be concerned about ASW's margins, which have come under increasing pressure.

Reuters lost ground, sliding 16p to 557p before imminent third quarter figures and a tele-conference. Analysts are anxious to hear how the group is progressing, with many cautious of a slowdown in trading after the group signalled sluggish revenue growth at the halfway stage.

Cadbury-Schweppes climbed to 533p, before ending unchanged at 525p, after early speculative trading following a Swiss report that Nestlé, which already owns Rowntree in the UK, may bid for the company. Most dealers doubted the report's accuracy, pointing to probable chocolate monopoly problems in the UK, and possibly in France, if any such bid were to materialise.

Meanwhile, upbeat third quarter figures from **SmithKline Beecham** were well received by the market and shares in the Anglo-American drugs giant were marked up 9p to 673p. The positive sentiment rubbed off on **Oxford Molecular**, which jumped 32p to 283p.

Elsewhere, **Smiths Industries** advanced 15p to 580p after the aerospace to medical systems group unveiled record full-year profits, with strong growth from all divisions.

UDO Holdings climbed 8p to 251p after the supplier of drawing office equipment and reprographic services where Bob Flashman is managing director and Mike Wright chairman, accompanied a 33 per cent jump in full-year pre-tax profits to £6.5 million with confidence of further growth.

Bid speculation in the paper and packaging sector saw **Bunzl** firm 4p to 198p, on volume of 2.8 million shares, while **David S Smith** climbed 3p to 581p.

Thorn EMI fell 22p to £14.94 as a line of stock went through the market at £14.95, with NatWest Securities said to have transacted the deal.

First Leisure was a good market, adding 18p to 346p.

Creos International, a developer and manufacturer of medical imaging, made a sparkling debut on the Alternative Investment Market. Placed at 65p, it surged to 139p before settling at 109p.

GILT-EDGED: The gilts market breathed a sigh of relief after the Bank of England's £3 billion auction of Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was covered by bids by a higher-than-expected 1.99 times, in contrast to last month's auction which was undersubscribed. A few of the larger players are understood to have taken stock, which led to a scramble among some of the smaller buyers.

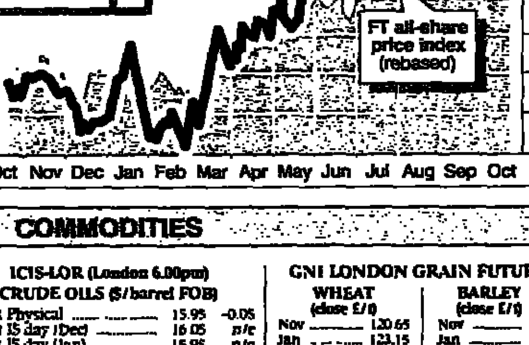
The December long gilt future raced to a high of £106 6/32, before settling at £106 1/32, up £1¼, on heavy volume of 107,000 contracts traded. Among conventional stocks shorts added £⅝, while medium-dated stocks climbed by £1⅛. Longer-dated issues enjoyed the best gains of up to £1½. Index-linked stocks rose by £1.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US shares extended their losses by midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average 17.70 points lower at 4,765.96. Financial issues came under pressure from profit-takers after their recent bull run.



Bob Flashman, left, and Mike Wright saw UDO advance

Further buying of Polypipe, up 2½p to 168p, prompted renewed talk of a bid for the maker of plastic pipes and fittings. City sources suggest that a bid is indeed in the pipeline for the company, which is capitalised at £264 million, at between 200p and 225p. IMI, down 4p at 332p, is thought to be a frontrunner.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 4765.96 (-17.70)
S&P Composite 584.23 (-2.31)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 17970.81 (-43.44)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9841.06 (+65.40)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 453.23 (+2.67)

Sydney:
AO 2090.80 (+10.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2150.13 (+36.53)

Singapore:
Straits 2102.87 (+13.43)

Brussels:
General 7730.84 (+52.56)

Paris:
CAC-40 1764.12 (+39.91)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 694.50 (+6.30)

London:

FT 30	2582.4 (-0.3)
FT 100	3537.8 (+2.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	3906.4 (+1.6)
FT-SE-A 350	1760.5 (+1.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1373.87 (+10.76)
FT A All-Share	1739.35 (+1.05)
FT Non Financials	1846.22 (+0.97)
FT Fixed Interest	110.86 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs	93.19 (+0.62)
Bargains	26485
SEAQ Volume	635.3m
USM (Datastrm)	184.29 (+1.28)
US$	1.5795 (-0.0022)
German Mark	2.2013 (+0.0078)
Exchange Index	83.7 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1840
£:SDR	1.0484
RPI	150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Asian Sml	92	...
Abtrust Asian Wts	32	...
Cons Coal (50)	64	- 1
Creos International	109	...
Euro Sales Fin	130	+ 5
German Slr Wts	18	...
Hay & Robertson	38	...
Indpt Radio	114	...
MultiMedia (45)	61	+ 1
Murray Vct	103	...
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet British (100)	103	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Baris n/p (16)	2	...
Premier Land n/p (5)	¼	...
Stordata Sols n/p (12)	6	- 1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
CML Micro	131p (+14p)
Filtronic Com	455p (+30p)
Northamber	225p (+14p)
JBA Holdings	380p (+21p)
Pegasus	221p (+12p)
First Leisure	346p (+18p)
Wolseley	396p (+20p)
Telspec	910p (+41p)
Meyer Int	355p (+15p)
Jones Stroud	430p (+15p)
Chrysalis	346p (+11p)
Standard Chart	514p (+15p)
Travis Perkins	314p (+9p)
REXAM	406p (+10p)
Unipalm	448p (+11p)
McKechnie	452p (+10p)
JJB Sports	465p (+9p)
Smiths Ind	580p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Stylo	114p (-16p)
Shiloh	101p (-14p)
ASW	176p (-20p)
JKX Oil & Gas	186p (-14p)
British Gas	236½p (-11p)
Danka Bus Systems	556p (-19p)
AIM	308p (-9p)
Reuters	557p (-16p)
EMAP	534p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

A matter of life and death

THE success of Smiths Industries is a mixture of kill and cure. The aerospace and medical operations of the group are curious bedfellows but have proved a winning combination. Throw in the company's light-industry division, which now embraces vacuum-cleaner parts and household extractor fans, and it is clear that most of human life is here.

Smiths has been steadily adding to its medical division, especially in the US, using some of the cash generated by aerospace. It has done so with impressive results, showing an increase in operating profits of 34 per cent. Despite the tough pricing pressure on drugs and medical products across the Atlantic, the huge appetite there for care in the community has helped keep Smiths' exposure in a healthy state. A lucrative device for Smiths in the US, and one set to make a large impact in the UK, is a portable machine that feeds medication to patients at regular intervals, freeing them from hospital beds.

While its right hand cures the sick, the left hand of Smiths is pocketing bigger profits from aerospace than some of its competitors, benefiting from both a scaledown of operations and big orders such as the Apache helicopter which should generate £150 million over the next eight years.

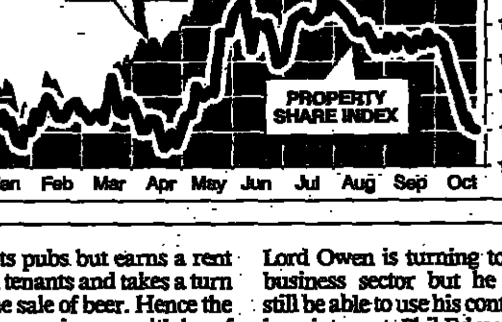
Smiths' margins are on the rise again, having edged up to 11 per cent. That is still a long way from the 15 per cent achieved four years ago but the impact of volume and operational gearing should generate further gains. Smiths could amass cash resources of about £400 million and is prepared to sink it into a major aerospace acquisition. That says much about its optimism.

Property shares

PROPERTY shares are again in the dumps as investors come to terms with the continuing lack of rental growth. Among the worst affected of the larger companies are those, like British Land, with high gearing: a useful tool when values are rising but when the price of property is on the slide, debt becomes a curse. According to Richard Ellis, commercial property has suffered an overall decline of 6.4 per cent and, since the beginning of the month, the market has kept property shares under the hammer with British Land — whose debt to equity ratio exceeds 100 per cent — plunging 15 per cent in three weeks.

Rents are proving slow to recover in Central London, a problem for the big six quoted landlords when so many buildings are let at rents well in excess of market rates. Only adding to investors' concerns is the worry that the Accounting Standards Board next year will recommend that companies depreciate their assets.

Investors still interested in the sector need to avoid the property leaders and focus on smaller companies where entrepreneurial managers can generate results in a poor market. Among these are Burford, which will soon degear itself with the flotation of the Trocadero, and Development Securities, which has persuaded Hausinvest, the German fund, to finance two large Central London developments.



Enterprise Inns

Enterprise Inns is the latest independent pub group to turn to the stock market as a means to an end. Venture capitalists who backed pub buy-outs in the late 1980s are now looking for a quick exit while managements are looking for cash to expand.

Flotations should satisfy the interests of both parties. Enterprise will be able to reduce its gearing from more than 130 per cent to about 50 per cent but the cash will be rapidly reinvested, the company hopes. A stronger balance sheet will allow it to add 300 houses to its existing estate of 486 tenanted pubs.

Further expansion is the key to growth at Enterprise and the rest of the pub groups. Volume sales of beer in pubs are declining while wine and spirits increase but even at the best — which tend to be managed by the landlord rather than tenanted — sales growth is limited.

Enterprise does not manage its pubs but earns a rent from tenants and takes a turn on the sale of beer. Hence the price earnings multiple of 10.1 times compared with the aggressive multiples of 20-plus times accorded to managed pub operators such as Wetherspoon.

Institutions are aware of the business parameters of the sector, with limitations on organic growth from tenanted estates which depend more heavily on beer volumes.

For Enterprise to succeed, it must buy good pubs and sell more beer at good margins. There are some 60,000 houses in Britain but competition for those in good locations is intense and as more groups raise cash from the stock market, pub prices will rise.

Middlesex

Having seen his diplomatic and negotiating skills replaced by Nato hardware in the war-torn state of Bosnia, Lord Owen is turning to the business sector but he will still be able to use his contacts in points east. Phil Edmonds, the retired England cricketer, is handing over the reins of Middlesex Holdings to the retired politician who becomes executive chairman. Middlesex dabbles in trade in the former Soviet Union, supplying products to a smelter in Tadjikistan in exchange for aluminium. It also has interests in oil, coal, gold and now steel, thanks to a new venture financed by Sir David Alliance, a long-time business partner of Middlesex chief, Masoud Alikhani.

Having survived Bosnia, Lord Owen will be well equipped to deal with the rough and tumble of business in the former Soviet Union. However, he has the support of friends at Middlesex. Lord Owen is on the Coats Viyella board, where Sir David is chairman.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	920-919	Mar	1037-1034
Mar	951-950	May	1052-1048
May	968-962	Jul	unq
Jul	984-983	Sep	-
Sep	1003-1002		
Dec	1022-1020	Volume:	7043

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2433-2426	Jul	2215-2200
Jan	2335-2330	Sep	2190-2170
Mar	2293-2290	Nov	2170-2150
May	2235-2230	Volume:	2337

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	320.8-20.0
Spot: 378.4		Oct	291.4-89.5
Dec	346.0-45.2	Dec	289.2-86.5
Mar	330.0-29.7	Mar	287.6-84.0
May	324.0-23.7	Volume:	1723

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	95.83	102.75	124.85
(+/-)	-0.69	+0.96	-1.13
Eng/Wales:	96.19	103.25	123.87
(+/-)	-0.36	+1.51	-0.77
(%)	-33.0	-8.0	+9.0
Scotland:	93.20	100.91	129.25
(+/-)	-3.00	-1.18	-1.78
(%)	-13.0	+72.0	-7.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.95	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.05	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jan)	15.95	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.35	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.15	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	B	O
Premium Gas .15	173 (+2)	175 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	152 (+1)	153 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	152 (-2)	153 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	151 (n/c)	153 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	83 (-2)	85 (-2)
Naphtha	154 (+1)	156 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	149.75-50.00	Feb	149.00-49.25
Dec	149.50-49.75	Mar	148.50-48.75
Jan	149.50-49.75	Vol:	11591

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.05-16.07	Mar	15.73-15.80
Jan	15.93-15.95	Apr	unq
Feb	15.82-15.85	Vol:	29253

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	120.65	Nov	110.20
Jan	123.15	Jan	113.70
Mar	125.00	Mar	116.15
May	127.05	May	118.40
Jul	128.75	Sep	107.75
Volume: 693		Volume: 72	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	184.0
Apr	275.0	277.5
May	unq	312.5
		Volume: 44

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 100.00-100.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	1570	1560	1553
Nov 95	1499	1440	1460
Dec 95	1475	1450	1460
Jan 96	1475	1410	1420
Vol: 445 lots		Open interest: 4121	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2785.0-2788.0	2690.0-2692.0	1999925
Lead ($/tonne)	686.00-687.00	668.00-669.00	294175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	963.00-963.50	987.00-988.00	260725
Tin ($/tonne)	6160.0-6170.0	6320.0-6325.0	15305
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1639.0-1640.0	1676.5-1677.0	1031650
Nickel ($/tonne)	8467.0-8470.0	8582.0-8585.0	94896

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	500	26	36	40	14½	18	28½
(*516½)	550	5	14½	18½	47½	49	60
Argyll	330	15	24	28½	14	18½	24
(*331)	360	5½	11½	16	34½	37½	42
ASDA	90	12	14½	17	1½	3	4
(*99½)	100	6	8½	11½	5	7	8
Boots	500	53	64	70½	3	7	12½
(*548)	550	19½	31½	39	19½	25	32
Br Airways	460	23½	35½	43	14½	19½	25
(*467½)	500	8	17½	24½	39½	42½	47½
BP	460	26½	34½	41	8	14	18
(*477)	500	7½	15	21½	30	35	38½
Br Steel	160	12	16½	19	4½	6	10
(*168)	180	3	7½	10	16	17½	21
C & W	390	34	47	53½	7	13	18½
(*414)	420	16	30½	37	19½	26	32
CU	600	37	46	54	17½	30	35
(*610)	650	15	23	31½	45½	60	63½
ICI	750	62	72	79½	7	18½	23
(*793)	800	29½	41	50½	25	41	45½
Kingfshr	460	38	48	52½	8½	19½	24
(*482)	500	16	26½	32½	27	39½	44
Land Sec	550	32	42½	48	8½	12	21
(*573)	600	8	16½	22	36½	38½	48½
M & S	420	22½	33	38½	8	13	18
(*432)	460	5½	13½	18½	32½	35½	39
Nat West	650	31½	40½	51	22	36½	44½
(*651½)	700	11½	20½	30	53	68½	75
Sainsbury	390	23½	32½	38½	7½	11½	15½
(*404)	420	10	17½	20½	22½	27	30½
Shell	700	49½	59½	63½	4	12	16
(*734)	750	17½	28	34	22	35	38½
Smkl Bch	650	33½	47½	59½	16	24½	30
(*664)	700	12	24	35½	44	52	56½
Storehse	300	19½	26½	32	7½	10½	14
(*311)	330	6	13	17	24½	27	29½
Trafalgar	20	6½	8	9½	3	4½	5½
(*23)	25	4½	6	8	6	8	9
Unilever	1200	60	81	91½	13	27	32½
(*1229½)	1250	29	50½	63	33½	50	55
Zeneca	1150	84½	107	130½	27½	49½	59½
(*1189½)	1200	56	79	103½	49	72	81½

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	22½	34½	40½	4	15½	17½
(*439)	460	4½	16	21½	25	36½	38½
Ladbroke	160	7½	14	16	1½	5½	8
(*165)	180	0½	5	7	15	17	19½
Utd Bisc	280	10½	20½	25½	6½	13½	17½
(*280½)	300	2½	12	17	20½	25½	29½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	34	46	51½	7	10½	14½
(*485)	500	12	23½	29½	25½	28½	33
Thames W	500	26½	39	46½	18	21½	31½
(*512½)	550	8½	18	24½	49½	52	62

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	32½	49	54½	4	11½	20
(*528½)	550	5½	22½	28	24	33½	45½
BTR	300	21½	29½	32½	0½	3½	8
(*320)	330	2	11½	15	11½	16	22½
Br Aero	700	32	60½	72	7½	23	33½
(*722½)	750	7½	35½	47	32	48	58
Br Telecm	360	19½	25½	30½	1	8	9½
(*376½)	390	3	10	15½	14½	24½	25½
Cadbury	500	31½	48	51	4½	15½	20½
(*525)	550	5½	22½	26½	29½	37	46
Guinness	500	12½	29	35½	6	15½	22½
(*504½)	550	0½	9	14½	45½	47½	53
GEC	300	20	26	32½	1	5½	7
(*318)	330	2	9½	16	13	19½	21
Hanson	191	7	11	—	2½	8½	—
(*195)	211	0½	3½	—	16	22	—
LASMO	140	16	20	22	0	3	5
(*155)	160	3	8½	10½	6½	10½	13½
Lucas	180	9½	17	20½	2½	7	8½
(*187)	200	1½	8	11	14	17½	19
Pilkingtn	180	10	15	20	2	7½	8½
(*186)	200	2½	6½	10½	14½	18½	19½
Prudential	390	9½	23	29	8	16	24½
(*390½)	420	1	10	16	30	33	43
Redland	330	20½	33	39½	2½	7½	14½
(*347½)	360	3½	16	23	15	20	29½
R-Royce	140	20	24½	26	0	1½	3½
(*159½)	160	4	11	13½	4	7½	11
Tesco	300	6½	19	24	4½	10	15½
(*302½)	330	0½	7	10½	27½	29	33½
Vodafone	260	8½	18	25½	5½	13	16½
(*262)	280	2	9½	16½	18½	25	28
Williams	300	19	27	31½	0½	4½	9
(*316½)	330	2½	10	14½	14	18	23½

FT-SE INDEX (*3537½)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Nov	149½	108½	72½	45	24½	10½
Dec	179½	142	108½	78½	55	36
Jan	200½	165½	135	105½	85	61
Feb	219½	184½	154½	124	101	78
Jun	266	—	202½	—	151	—
Puts						
Nov	13	22	37½	61½	93	134
Dec	32	45	61½	83½	112½	146½
Jan	44½	58	78	99	127½	158½
Feb	54	69	88½	110	157½	167½
Jun	98	—	133	—	180	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat.	550	22½	36	39	10½	31½	35
(*551½)	600	5½	15½	19	50	63½	66½
Amstrad	280	15½	25½	33	8½	15	17½
(*285)	300	7½	16	23	20	26	27½
Barclays	700	54½	72	78½	6	20	26
(*741½)	750	22	41	50	24½	42½	49
Blue Circ	280	15	24½	27	7½	13	19½
(*294)	300	6½	15	18	19	27½	31
Br Gas	240	13½	20	23½	4	6	11
(*247)	260	3½	10	13½	14½	16	21½
Dixons	360	32½	41	49½	4½	11½	14½
(*384)	390	13½	23½	32½	16	24	27½
Forte	220	21	28½	31	1	5	6½
(*239½)	240	9½	16	18½	7	11½	14½
Tarmac	80	9	13	14	2½	3½	6
(*86)	90	3½	7½	9	7½	8½	11
Hillsdwn	160	9½	14½	16	2½	5	10½
(*166)	180	1	5½	7	15	16½	22½
Lonrho	160	8½	11½	15½	5½	9	11
(*161)	180	2	4½	7½	19½	22	24
Sears	100	7½	10	12	1½	3½	5
(*106)	110	2½	5	6½	6½	8½	10
Thm Eml	1500	66	98	132	37½	52½	56
(*1515½)	1600	26	53½	83	94	109	111
Tomkins	240	17½	23½	28½	3½	7½	9½
(*253)	260	6½	13	19	12½	17	19
TSB	300	15	23	27	8	17½	20
(*309)	330	3	8	11½	25	35	36½

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	41½	53	70	24	38½	43½
(*856)	900	19	30½	48	52	67	71½
HSBC	900	72½	95½	107	18½	41	50
(*940½)	950	44	66½	79½	38½	64½	73
Reuter	550	43½	55½	66½	13½	21	27
(*572½)	600	16½	29½	42	36½	45½	52

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	37	46½	52	7½	17	23
(*385)	390	19½	30	36½	19½	32	37

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	4½	4	5	0½	1	1½
(*263)	280	0	0	1	18½	19	21

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	26	39½	28½	0½	0	1
(*974)	1000	0½	0½	0½	26	30½	31½

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	30	41	51½	5½	11	17½
(*481½)	500	8	20	30	24	29	36½
Scot Pwr	360	13	19½	27½	10½	17½	18½
(*360)	390	3	8	14½	31	35½	37

October 24, 1995 Tot: 23688 Call: 10641 Put: 13047 FT-SE Call: 2077 Put: 3790
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3562.0	3579.0	3542.0	3560.0	10793
Previous open interest: 69392	Mar 96	3599.0	3599.0	3599.0	3589.0	40
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3930.0	0
Previous open interest: 3537	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.28	93.30	93.27	93.28	8794
Previous open interest: 329811	Mar 96	93.37	93.42	93.37	93.41	21454
	Jun 96	93.30	93.37	93.29	93.36	11810
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.23	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.48	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.03	96.03	96.00	96.01	12946
Previous open interest: 795762	Mar 96	96.17	96.17	96.14	96.16	17210
Long Gilt	Dec 95	105-00	106-06	104-30	106-01	107117
Previous open interest: 104199	Mar 96	104-14	105-12	104-14	105-15	112
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	120.39	120.82	120.38	120.68	3182
	Mar 96	119.27	119.61	119.27	119.54	414
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	96.18	96.46	96.10	96.39	124355
Previous open interest: 202321	Mar 96	95.58	95.79	95.52	95.80	777
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.21	94.21	94.17	94.19	623
Previous open interest: 19518	Mar 96	94.43	94.43	94.40	94.43	394
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.82	97.83	97.81	97.82	2778
Previous open interest: 48728	Mar 96	97.92	97.92	97.89	97.91	1833
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	99.70	99.99	99.24	99.97	42730
Previous open interest: 51632	Mar 96	99.30	99.37	99.30	99.64	150

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5 Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¾ close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	6¾	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.75	n/a	5.84	5.78	5.78
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	4¼-4	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	7¼-7	7¼-7	7¼-7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.25-382.55 Close: $382.70-383.20 High: $383.30-383.80
Low: $382.00-382.50 AM: $382.40 PM: $382.65

Krugerrand: $385.00-387.00 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $413.00 (£261.55) Silver: $5.41 (£3.425) Palladium: $135.90 (£86.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4635-2.4756	2.4667-2.4699	[illegible]pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	45.23-45.48	45.25-45.36	11-8pr	31-25pr
Copenhagen	8.5410-8.5930	8.5510-8.5730	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9720-0.9760	0.9720-0.9745	10-7pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.1996-2.2096	2.2011-2.2042	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	232.63-233.85	232.68-233.31	32-60ds	124-160ds
Madrid	191.27-192.07	191.57-191.86	42-52ds	133-150ds
Milan	2543.5-2558.5	2543.5-2547.6	8-10ds	27-29ds
Montreal	2.1551-2.1694	2.1551-2.1581	0.05-0.17ds	0.19-0.33ds
New York	1.5786-1.5816	1.5786-1.5796	0.12-0.10pr	0.33-0.30pr
Oslo	9.7350-9.7820	9.7470-9.7620	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	7.7220-7.7630	7.7400-7.7540	[illegible]ds	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.410-10.473	10.425-10.449	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	159.81-160.18	159.91-160.18	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	15.479-15.558	15.485-15.512	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	1.7917-1.8014	1.7917-1.7945	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr, Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3338-1.3347
Austria	9.80-9.81
Belgium (Com)	28.66-28.70
Canada	1.3704-1.3709
Denmark	5.4150-5.4180
France	4.8980-4.9030
Germany	1.3927-1.3937
Hong Kong	7.7322-7.7332
Ireland	1.6202-1.6222
Italy	1615.00-1616.50
Japan	101.15-101.25
Malaysia	2.5310-2.5320
Netherlands	1.5611-1.5616
Norway	6.1680-6.1710
Portugal	147.32-147.42
Singapore	1.4180-1.4190
Spain	121.14-121.19
Sweden	6.6051-6.6151
Switzerland	1.1350-1.1360

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5790-1.5816
Australia dollar	2.1054-2.1078
Bahrain dinar	0.5900-0.6020
Brazil real*	1.5142-1.5184
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6980-0.7080
Finland markka	6.5750-6.6910
Greece drachma	360.75-367.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.2130-12.2185
India rupee	55.67-56.63
Indonesia rupiah	3551.00-3619.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4685-0.4785
Malaysia ringgit	3.9982-4.0006
New Zealand dollar	2.4055-2.4085
Pakistan rupee	50.09 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6950-5.8190
Singapore dollar	2.2400-2.2420
S Africa rand (com)	5.7020-5.8040
U A E dirham	5.7450-5.8690

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	140	Legal & Gn	1,500
ASDA Gp	14,000	Lloyds Bk	2,300
Abbey Ntl	2,000	London Elect	391
Allied Dom	1,000	Marks Spr	1,800
Argyll Gp	2,900	Mid Elec	1,600
Arjo Wggns	858	NatWst Bk	3,100
AB Foods	1,400	*Nat Power*	843
BAA	1,300	NW Water	3,200
BAT Inds	2,900	P & O	3,300
BOC	3,400	Pearson	661
BP	3,100	PowerGen	517
BSkyB	3,800	Prudential	3,000
BTR	9,100	REXAM	1,200
BT	10,000	RMC	227
Bk of Scot	663	RTZ	934
Barclays	4,600	Rank Org	1,300
Bass	1,400	Reckitt Col	946
Blue Circle	2,000	Redland	2,600
Boots	1,400	Reed Intl	1,300
BAe	1,200	Rentokil	1,100
BA	2,500	Reuters	5,300
Brit Gas	20,000	Rolls Royce	6,800
Brit Steel	4,100	Royal Ins	2,600
Burmah Cstl	867	Ryl Bk Scot	722
Cable Wire	3,200	Sainsbury	4,000
Cadbury	4,200	Schroders	72
Carlton Cms	1,100	Scot & New	1,700
Cm Union	2,200	Scot Power	1,300
Cookson	917	Sears	1,100
Courtaulds	1,100	Sym Trent	320
De La Rue	212	Shell Trans	4,500
Enterpr Oil	1,100	Siebe	497
Forte	3,700	SmKl Bch	7,200
GKN	714	Smith Nph	2,400
GRE	6,800	Sthern Elec	1,200
GUS	1,200	*Std Chartd*	4,800
Gen Acc	435	Sun Allnce	1,000
Gen Elec	10,000	TI Gp	1,200
Glaxo Well	7,300	TSB	6,300
Granada	2,200	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Grand Met	4,500	Tesco	4,700
Guinness	2,400	Thames W	662
HSBC	1,600	Thrn EMI	3,700
Hanson	4,900	Tomkins	3,000
ICI	3,400	Unilever	2,500
Inchcape	616	Vodafone	5,100
Kingfisher	5,300	Whitbread	955
LASMO	4,800	Wlms Hld	546
Ladbroke	2,300	Wolseley	2,300
Land Secs	1,700	Zeneca	1,500

WALL STREET

	Oct 25 midday	Oct 24 close		Oct 25 midday	Oct 24 close		Oct 25 midday	Oct 24 close
AMP Inc	39¾	40	Engelhard Corp	24¼	25¼	Owens Corning	42½	43¼
AMR Corp	65½	65¾	Enron Corp	35¼	35¾	PPG Industries	43¼	43¼
AT & T	60½	61¼	Entergy	28¼	28¼	PNC Bank	27	27½
Abbott Labs	40¼	40¾	Ethyl Corp	11½	11½	PP&L Res	23	23¼
Advanced Micro	25¾	26¼	Exxon	76½	75¾	Paccar Inc	43½	44¼
Aetna Life	67½	70¼	FMC Corp	71½	72½	Pacificorp	19¼	19¾
Ahmanson (HF)	25	25½	FPL Group	42¼	42½	Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Air Prod & Chem	51¼	50¾	Federal Express	82¼	83¼	Pac Gas & Elec	30¼	30¼
Albertsons	34¾	34½	*Fed Nat Mtge*	103½	104	Pac Telesis	29¼	29¾
Alcan Aluminm	29¾	29½	First Chicago	68¾	70½	Pall Corp	23¾	23½
Alco Standard	89¾	90½	First Interstate	129½	131	Panhandle East	26¾	26¾
Allied Signal	42½	42¾	First Union Rlty	7	7¼	Peco Energy	29¾	30
Alum Co of Am	49¾	50¼	Fleet Finl Grp	39¼	40¼	Penney (JC)	45	45¼
Amax Gold Inc	5¾	5¾	Fluor Corp	55¾	55¾	Pennzoil	38¾	38¾
Amerada Hess	44½	44¾	Ford Motor	29¼	29¾	Pepsico	52¾	52¾
Amer Brands	41¼	41¼	GTE Corp	40¾	40¾	Pfizer	61¾	60¾
Amer El Power	39¼	38¾	Gannett	54¾	54¼	Phelps Dodge	61¾	62¾
Amer Express	40¾	41¼	Gap Inc Del	37¼	38¾	Philip Morris	83¾	85
Amer Genl Corp	33¾	35¼	Gen Dynamics	55½	56½	Phillips Pet	31¼	31¼
Amer Home Pr	91½	89¾	Gen Electric	63¾	63	Pitney Bowes	42¾	42¾
Amer Intl	83¾	83¾	Gen Mills	58¾	58	Polaroid	41½	42¾
Amer Stores	30¼	30¾	Gen Motors	44½	44¾	PriceCostco	16¾	17¼
Ameritech	54¾	54¾	Gen Reinsurance	143¾	145¾	Procter & Gmbl	82¾	83¾
Amoco	64½	64¾	Gen Signal	30¼	31¼	Providian	40¾	40¾
Anheuser-Busch	64½	65¾	Genuine Parts	39¾	40	Pub Serv E & G	29¼	29¾
Apple Computer	35	35¾	Georgia Pac	82½	82½	Quaker Oats	34¼	33½
Archer Daniels	16¼	16¾	Gillette	48¾	48¾	Ralston Purina	60¾	60¾
Armco	6¼	6¼	Glaxo Wellc ADR	27	27¼	Raychem Corp	45¾	45
Armstrng Wrld	55¾	55¾	Goodrich (BF)	66¾	66¾	Raytheon	42¾	43½
Asarco	30¾	30¾	Goodyear Tire	38¾	39¾	Reebok Intl	35¾	36
Ashland Oil	32¾	33	Grace (WR)	56	56	Reynolds Metals	49¾	50¾
Atl Richfield	107	107¾	Grt Atl Pac Tea	20¾	21	Rowdway Srvcs	45¾	46¾
Auto Data Pro	73¾	73¾	Great Wstn Fin	22¾	23¾	Rockwell Intl	45¾	45¾
Avery Dennison	44¾	45¾	Halliburton	41½	43	Rohm & Haas	54¾	54¾
Avon Products	72¾	71¼	Harcourt General	40¾	40½	Royal Dutch	122¾	122¾
Baker Hughes	19¾	19¾	Heinz (HJ)	46¾	45¾	Rubbermaid	26¾	26¾
Baltim Gas & El	28¾	27¾	Hercules	53¾	54¾	SBC Comms	56¾	56½
Banc One	35¾	35¾	Hershey Foods	61¾	61¾	Safeco Corp	65¾	66¾
BankAmerica	59	62¾	Hewlett Packard	89¾	91¼	St. Paul's Cos	50¾	52¾
Bank of NY	42¾	43¾	Hilton Hotels	66½	67½	Salomon Inc	38¾	38¾
Bankers Tr NY	63	63¾	Home Depot	36¾	37¾	Sara Lee Corp	29¾	29¾
Barnett Banks	55¾	58¾	Homestake Mng	15¾	15¾	Scecorp	17¾	17¾
Bausch & Lomb	36¾	35¾	Honeywell	42	43	Schering Plough	54¾	54¾
Baxter Intl	39¾	39¾	Household Intl	58¾	60	Schlumberger	61¾	62¾
Becton Dickson	66¾	65¾	Houston Inds	46¾	47	Scott Paper	53¾	52¾
Bell Atlantic	65¾	64¾	Humana	21¾	21¾	Seagram	34¾	35¾
Bell Industries	21¾	21¾	ITT Corp	122¾	129¾	Sears Roebuck	34¾	34¾
BellSouth	76¾	76¾	Illinois Tool	57¾	57¾	Shell Trans	70½	70½
Black & Decker	33¾	33¾	Illinova	28¾	28¾	Sherwin Wlims	35¾	36¾
Block (H&R)	42¾	41¾	INCO	31¼	31¼	Skyline Corp	17¾	17¾
Boeing	67¾	66¾	*Ingersoll Rand*	36¾	36¾	Snap-On-Tools	42¾	42¾
Boise Cascade	36	36¾	Inland Steel	23	23¾	Southern Co	24¾	24¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	78¾	77¾	Intel Corp	66¾	67¾	Sprint Corp	37¾	38¾
Browning Ferris	30¾	31¼	IBM	97¾	98	Stanley Works	45¾	45¾
Brunswick	19¾	19¾	Intl Flav & Fr	48¾	48¾	Sun Company	27¾	27¾
Burlington Nthn	82¾	82¾	Intl Paper	38¾	37¾	Sun Microsys	73¾	73¾
CBS	80¾	80¾	James River Va	31¾	31¾	Suntrust	65¾	67
CNA Financial	113¾	116¾	*Jhnsn & Jhnsn*	83¾	82¾	Supervalu	30¾	30¾
CPC Intl	67¾	67¾	Kellogg	74¾	74	Sysco Corp	30	30¾
CSX	82¾	83¾	Kerr-McGee	54¾	54	TRW Inc	68¾	68¾
Campbell Soup	53¾	53¾	Kimberly-Clark	73¾	72¾	TCC Inds	2¾	2¾
Can Pacific	15	15¾	Kmart	10	9¾	Tandem Comp	11½	11¾
Cptl Cities ABC	118¾	118	Knight-Ridder	57¾	57¾	Tandy Corp	50¾	51¼
Carolina Pwr	33¾	33	Lilly (Eli)	98¾	94¾	Teledyne	25¾	25¾
Caterpillar	53¾	54¾	Limited Inc	19¾	20	Temple Inland	46¾	46¾
Central & SW	27¾	27¾	Lincoln Nat	44¾	45¾	Tenneco	43¾	43¾
Champion Intl	50¾	51¾	Litton	40¾	41	Texaco	68¾	68¾
Chase Manhat	58¾	57¾	*Liz Claiborne*	27¾	28¾	Texas Inst	68¾	70
Chemical Bk	55¾	57	Lockheed Martin	68¾	68¾	Texas Utilities	36¾	36¾
Chevron Corp	46¾	47¾	Louisiana Pac	23¾	24¾	Textron	67	65¾
Chrysler	53	52¾	*MCI Comm*	25¾	24¾	Time Warner	37¾	37
Chubb Corp	91¼	93¾	Marriott Intl	37¾	37¾	Times-Mirror A	28¾	29¾
Cigna Corp	97¾	97¾	Marsh & McLnn	83¾	82¾	Timken	40	39¾
Citicorp	64¾	66¼	Masco Corp	27¾	27¾	*Torchmark*	42¾	43¾
Clorox	73	73¾	May Dept St	38¾	39¾	Toys R Us	23¾	24¾
Coastal Corp	33	33	Maytag Corp	18¾	18¾	Transamerica	66¾	67¾
Coca Cola	71¾	72¾	McDonalds	41¾	41	Travelers	49¾	49¾
Colgate-Palmolive	70¾	71¾	McDonnell D	81½	82¾	Tribune	63¾	64
Columbia Gas	37¾	38¾	McGraw Hill	83¾	81¾	Tyco Labs	61¼	61¾
Compaq Comp	53¾	54¾	Mead Corp	54¾	54¾	UST Inc	30¾	30
Comp Ass Int	57¼	57¾	Medtronic	59¾	58¾	UAL	174	175
Conagra	39¾	40	Mellon Bk	49¾	50¾	US Inds	15¾	15¾
Conrail	69	69¾	Melville Corp	32¾	33¾	USX Marathon	18	18¾
Cons Edison	30¾	30¾	Merck Inc	61¼	60¾	Unicom	33	32¾
Cons Nat Gas	38¾	39	Merrill Lynch	56¾	56¾	Unilever NV	130¾	130¾
Cooper Inds	34	33¾	Microsoft	96¾	97¾	Union Camp	51¾	51¾
Corestates	36¾	36¾	Minnesota Mine	55¾	56¾	Union Carbide	38	39¾
Corning Inc	27¾	27¾	Mobil Corp	101¾	102¾	Union Pacific	66	66¾
Crown Cork	34¾	35¾	Monsanto	102¾	103	Unisys Corp	6¾	6¾
Dana Corp	26¾	26¾	Morgan (JP)	76¾	77	USAIR Group	13¾	14¾
Dayton Hudson	70¾	72¾	Motorola Inc	64¾	65¾	USF&G Corp	18¾	18¾
Deere	88¾	90¾	Natl Semi	26¾	26	US Life	28¾	28¾
Delta Air Lines	63¾	64¾	Natl Service Ind	30¾	29¾	US West	46¾	47¾
Deluxe Corp	28¾	30¾	Navistar Int	9¾	9¾	United Tech	88¾	89¾
Detroit Edison	32¾	34	NBD Bancorp	37¾	39¾	Unocal Corp	26¾	27¾
Digital Equip	53	53¾	NY Times A	28¾	28¾	Upjohn	49¾	48¾
Dillard Dept St	29	29¾	Newmont Mng	38¾	39¾	VF Corp	47¾	47¾
Disney (Walt)	57¾	57¾	Niag Mohawk	11	11	WMX Tech	28¾	28¾
Dominion Res	40¾	40¾	Nike B	113¾	113¾	Wal-Mart Stores	22¾	22¾
Donelley (RR)	38	38	NL Industries	13¾	13¾	Warner-Lambert	88¾	87¾
Dover Corp	38¾	38	Noram Energy	7¾	7¾	Wells Fargo	210	219¾
Dow Chemical	69¾	70¾	Nordstrom	37¾	38¾	Westinghouse El	14¾	14¾
Dow Jones	34¾	35¾	Norfolk Sthrn	76¾	77¾	Weyerhaeuser	45¾	45¾
Dresser	21¾	21¾	Nthn State Pwr	47¾	47¾	Whirlpool	52	52¾
Duke Power	44¾	44¾	Norwest Corp	29¾	30¾	Whitman	21¾	21¾
Dun & Bradstreet	59¾	59¾	Nynex Corp	47¾	48¾	Winn Dixie	63¾	63
Du Pont	66¾	65	Occidental Pet	21¾	21¾	Woolworth	14¾	15¾
Eastman Kodak	62¾	63¾	Ohio Edison	23¾	23¾	Wrigley (Wm) Jr	48¾	47¾
Eaton Corp	51¼	51¾	Oracle	42¾	43¾	Xerox	134¾	134¾
Emerson Elec	71¼	72	Oryx Energy Co	11¾	12	Yellow Corp	13¾	13¾

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Tuckey's future

HOW many professional lives does Andrew Tuckey have? The former deputy chairman of Barings resigned after the £860 million crash but was re-hired as a consultant in his field of *corporate finance*. The 52-year-old banker is understood to be a key member of the team advising Lloyds Bank on its proposed £15 billion merger with TSB. Now senior executives at ING, the Dutch bank that owns Barings, have again discussed Tuckey's future after *revelations* in the press about his private life have sharply divided staff and clients. Tuckey has left his wife of 30 years for Tracy Long, a Barings staffer in the corporate *finance* department, who resigned three weeks ago. With Nick Leeson fighting extradition to Singapore and James Bax, Leeson's former boss in the Far East, forced to remain with his young family in Singapore (possibly even to appear in the dock alongside Leeson) many feel Tuckey's timing and judgment are "insensitive" and "unfortunate". Tuckey is expected to survive for the very practical reason that "other clients might walk out the door with him," says an insider.



Tuckey: consultant

Buying forward

I AM told tickets for tomorrow evening's Big Bang Ball are changing hands for about £100 each, more than double the £39 sale price, as despairing City types make one final attempt to buy a place at one of the Square Mile's liveliest annual bashes. Up to 3,000 guests are expected at the Café Royal in London's West End, raising a big sum for the Lord Mayor's Appeal, this year raising money for the British Heart Foundation. The event celebrates the ninth anniversary of Big Bang back in 1986, when many of tomorrow's revellers were probably still at school.

Heavy metal

THIS week also saw Raj Bagri, chairman of the London Metal Exchange happy to report seven fat years of business for his exchange at its members' annual black-tie dinner. The timing was immaculate, as it was ten years to the day from the start of the tin crisis which almost wiped out the LME.

Humbug

THE country is heading for the warmest October in 300 years, it is yet two months to the winter solstice, and the clocks have only just gone back. But, alas, at least one big chain of stationery retailers has already replaced all its tasteful gift wrapping paper with Christmas Santas, robins and ruddy-nosed reindeer.

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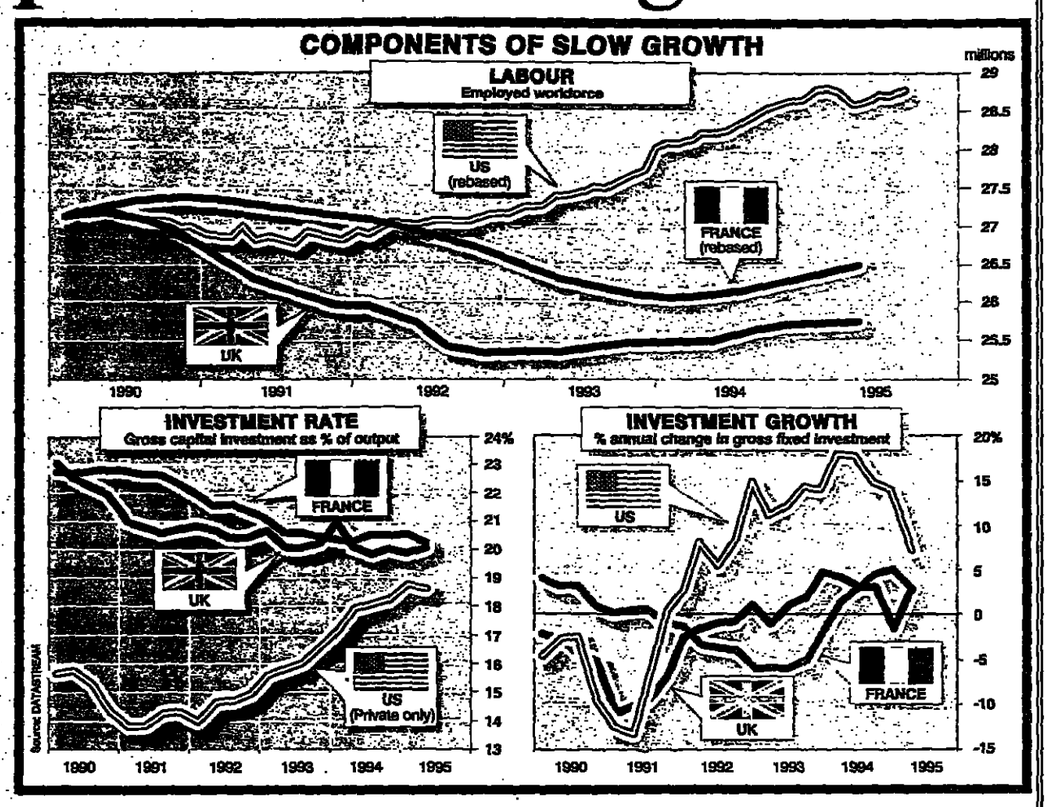
AMAZING they had not done it before, but here it is: the Elvis Presley credit card. Issued by a bank in Memphis as a Mastercard, it will display three images of the King. Designed for true blue Elvis fans, it offers the user a 10 per cent discount on anything purchased at Graceland. Some proceeds go to the Elvis Presley Memorial Foundation, a charity.



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Budget can offer no easy escape from slow growth

Britain apes America's formula but ends up with European stagnation



MORE than ten years ago, the late Charles Douglas-Home, then editor of *The Times*, took a platoon of his journalists on a working visit to Bonn, to get first hand the German view on *anything from economic policy* to West Germany's still daring *Ostpolitik*. On the financial side, there was much room for British humility. But the diet was not solely humble pie and sauerkraut.

Those were the high days of Reaganomics and, in Britain, the innocent days of Thatcherism. Trade union excess was being curbed, uneconomic industries shut. Privatisation was getting into full stride and leaner, fitter industries were climbing out of a cathartic recession into what was projected to be a golden age of non-inflationary growth and "real" jobs.

The British had to bow to German tutelage in the arts of *macro-economic management* on interest and exchange rates, inflation, and avoiding crises. America was, however, enjoying *much more rapid growth* on a regime of de-regulation, free markets, tax cuts and fiscal irresponsibility.

The Reagan locomotive left European currencies puffing behind a dollar supported by *high interest rates*. *Dirigiste* European economies clanked along too slowly to employ those who wanted to work. Americans diagnosed *Eurosclerosis* in economies too bureaucratic and inflexible to create jobs or compete freely with Pacific manufacturers.

Britain was somewhere in the middle. Fiscal and monetary responsibility was to go hand in hand with deregulation to raise the sustainable pace of growth. Britons could therefore debate with Germans. Once the Brits earned credit in financial markets for *their new-found macroeconomic* virtue, they would outpace continentals, slowed by state monopolies, subsidies and distorted labour markets.

In 1995, however, little seems to have changed, save that Japan has been dragged into the laggards' camp. Percentage growth rates of EU countries read like the judges' scores for a terminally clumsy gymnast: Germany 2.3, France 2.7, Italy 3.3 (sadly a *blip*), Spain 2.9, The Netherlands 2.5 — and Britain about the same. But unemployment rates would be judged over the top. The Netherlands' 7.2, Britain's 8.3 and Germany's 9.3 fail to keep the EU average below 11 per cent. Forecasts for 1996 are not too fancy either. Meanwhile, America is near the end of its third successive year of growth above 3 per cent and forecast to do it again in 1996. Unemployment, traditionally higher than in Europe, is around 5½ per cent. Such gaps can no longer be put down to different phases of the economic cycle.

Germany acquired new provinces and opportunities. The single European market swept away trade barriers, residual exchange controls and many internal restrictions. British privatisation spread across the Continent. So why are growth rates stuck at levels that disappoint most voters: too low to bring full employment and, in some cases, to sustain an ageing population well?

Doctors now diagnose a nasty case of the European exchange-rate mechanism instead of *Eurosclerosis*. Keeping up with the Schmidts has cost France dear. Even Germany carries the burden of a chronically strong mark. Last week, Ford's chief executive joined the chorus complaining that high costs make it uneconomic to manufacture in Germany. The ERM exports West German stagnation to its neighbours. Anglo-Saxon critics still point to the high labour costs imposed by social laws, inflexible job markets and high employer taxes.

Britain is symbolically free from a fixed currency or the Maastricht social chapter. In 1994, the one strong recovery year, devaluation helped exports to drive the economy. Flexible markets and cheap labour attract inward investment from non-EU multinationals. Again, the Treasury is establishing non-inflationary credentials. Again, Britain is mid-Atlantic. Yet the economy is growing at European rates and tailing off. Most economists forecast a better 1996 only because they expect Kenneth Clarke to indulge in pre-election naughtiness.

When the Bank of England gives interest rate advice, it has in mind a production *function that implies the economy* is likely to grow at a long-term rate of about 1.75 per cent a year. By implication, much more would be inflationary. The Government is banking on nearer 2.5 per cent. In the simplified model, growth comes from investment, extra labour and a catch-all group of "technological" supply factors. These cover anything from inventions to freer trade and *have contributed* a long-run average 1.25 per cent a year.

> Takeovers are faster, safer and easier for managers than investment

Capital investment is contributing about 0.5 per cent. But the surge predicted to take over the growth baton, keeps being put forward. A year ago, the Treasury predicted a 5.75 per cent increase this year. It will probably be no more than 4 per cent, partly because public sector investment has been delayed by the private finance initiative. CBI and Bank of England studies found many firms still using absurdly tough financial tests *for new investment, as though* they expect a return to recession, inflation and high money interest rates. City analysts predicted that top companies would instead use their fast-growing financial surpluses to *mount a big takeover binge. It* is happening on cue. Takeovers are faster, safer and easier for managers. Remember *Eurotunnel*. The latest CBI survey found that manufacturers, who have been investing more than most, are having second thoughts.

Britain's employed workforce rose unusually fast during the late 1980s as the bulk of married women joined in. Since then, however, it has fallen. Job losses are still countering most new jobs.

America's growth potential is perennially swelled by *immigrants, some legal. US business* investment is not high — hence stagnant living standards — but has grown at *more than 12 per cent a year* since 1993. No wonder America is growing faster.

Can Britain escape from *its straitjacket* without being ashamed to look the Bundesbank President in the eye? *Labour calls for* "a Budget for investment", as do accountants at Coopers & Lybrand. But what is that? *C&L suggests* abolishing capital gains tax, and giving even more tax relief to bribe wealthy individuals *to offer venture capital*. Labour probably would not. Both agree that the private finance *initiative needs a* boost. Kenneth Clarke will doubtless announce one. But no big change in private investment will come so long as boards and City fund managers reckon from experience *that it pays to be stingy on* any investment unless it saves labour on unchanged output. As the latest gilt-edged auction illustrates, hugely increased public spending on means-tested benefits is also crowding *out private investment* with needlessly high real interest rates.

Modern management attitudes, *the competition* drive and the mismatch of taxation and social security keep the *potential growth of Britain's* labour force strictly potential. Insecure new employment patterns swell the officially *unemployed by a million*. And managers' fashionable addiction to casual and part-time employment has raised the level of unemployment that must be maintained to keep inflation at bay.

Budgets can offer better fiscal sticks or carrots. But Britain's freer markets will not boost *long-term* growth so long as business is run by a generation of managers and investors made inflexible by *long years of working capital* rationing and the scars from surviving two recessions.

Keeping the gas bubble under control

Eric Reguly assesses the problems for British Gas as it reappraises contracts

British Gas had a curious reaction to Clare Spottiswoode's comments that "take-or-pay contracts" threatened the company's *long-term survival*. Instead of accusing the Ofgas director-general of hysterical over-reaction to a potential liability of unknown proportions, British Gas seemed positively *beholden*. A *spokeswoman* said: "It's helpful to have recognition that there is a problem *and that something* needs to be done."

If British Gas likes Ms Spottiswoode, it will love *Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister*. In a speech given the same day that Ms Spottiswoode made her remarks, he said it is "in the best long-term interests of producers" to renegotiate their supply *contracts with British Gas*. He said he would be prepared "to act as a moderator or facilitator to assist the commercial process should I be called upon to do so".

A cynic might accuse *British Gas, Ofgas and the* ministry of collaboration. Indeed, British Gas in September warned *shareholders* that it was locked into buying enormous amounts of gas that it did *not need at* prices well above the market level. The company is now trying to *renegotiate these contracts*.

> A cynic might accuse the three of them of collaboration

British Gas's predicament is not all its own doing. Most of its long-term gas purchase contracts were struck with North Sea suppliers before 1986, when the company was *privatised. Such contracts* attempt to balance price with security of supply. There have been cases, notably in eastern Canada, when buyers opted for the cheap route and bought "spot" gas, *only to see the supplies* disappear when other buyers offered to pay more.

At the time the contracts were struck, British Gas had a monopoly: it could sell all the gas it bought because it controlled every burner in the country, from household stove to industrial furnace. These contracts contained the *usual* "take-or-pay" clauses, which required British Gas to pay for the gas whether it could sell it or not. Then the Government changed the rules of the game. First the commercial *and industrial gas markets* were thrown open to competition. British Gas's share of the market above 2,500 therms has now dwindled to about 35 per cent. This is lower than anyone's forecasts. A 1993 Monopolies and Mergers Commission report predicted 50 per cent.

British Gas's market share will fall even further when the domestic market is deregulated. The MMC recommended opening *that* market in 2002. But zealous government free-traders moved the date forward to 1998, with pilot programmes beginning next spring.

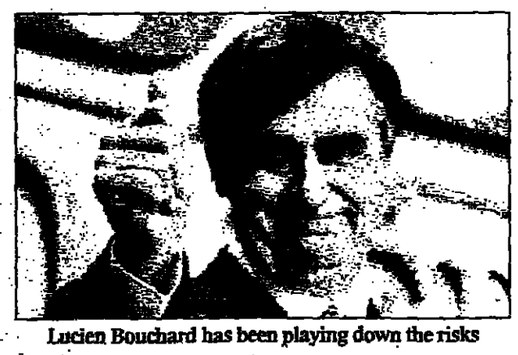
Gas prices, meanwhile, have plummeted. The surplus — the result of warm weather — new supplies from North Sea developments and the loss of market share by British Gas have created a "gas bubble". Spot *gas prices are 7p to 9p a* therm, compared with the 20p paid by British Gas for its *long-term supplies*. In September, the company said it had paid £500 million so far this year under its *take-or-pay obligations*. The question is whether British Gas can renegotiate these contracts to reflect the radically altered market conditions. Although Ms Spottiswoode and Mr *Eggar appear* to be rooting for the company, it is fighting an uphill battle. Ms Spottiswoode, despite her warnings that British Gas faces a potential liability of more than £1 billion, seems to agree. In a newspaper interview, she said she wonders "why North Sea producers *should bother to* renegotiate with British Gas".

Analysts nonetheless think the company will have some success. They think it would be unrealistic for *suppliers to demand full* payment from British Gas when they have been given the right to nibble away at *its markets*.

In a report, Simon Flowers, an analyst at NatWest *Securities, said suppliers* "will conclude that selling lower volumes of gas in the short run — probably at *moderately lower prices* — may be acceptable in return for higher volumes later on." The process will be long and complicated because the suppliers have the upper hand. In the end, Ms Spot*tiswoode and Mr Eggar can* only watch events unfold.

Eric Reguly predicts a debt crisis if Quebec secedes

Living together is cheaper



Lucien Bouchard has been playing down the risks

JUST three weeks ago, it appeared that Quebec's secessionists were, once *again, fighting a losing battle*. Poll after poll showed that next Monday's referendum, which *will ask Quebec voters whether* their province should separate from Canada, would go against them.

Then the tide began to turn. Sensing a repeat of the 1980 referendum, in which the separatists were narrowly defeated, Lucien Bouchard, the leader of the Opposition in the federal House of Commons, sprang *into action*. He has played down the risks of independence. A "yes" vote, he has assured the cautious electorate, will instil Quebec with a new sense of pride and confidence; it will give the province a mandate to negotiate an economic *partnership* with the rest of Canada that is truly in its best interests.

The message has sunk in. The latest polls show the *secessionists* ahead, albeit by a margin of less than one percentage point. The markets, fearful of an economic Bosnia *in the making*, went into full-bore panic.

On Monday, the Toronto Stock Exchange 300 index *plunged* 123 points — the biggest one-day fall in six years. The *Canadian dollar* fell by more than a cent against the US dollar and treasury bill prices collapsed. The yield spread between 90-day Canadian treasuries and their US equivalents grew from 110 basis points to 170 basis points. Nervous Quebec *investors* began *moving their* funds out of the province. A Canadian market analyst in New York said: "It's an across-the-board meltdown ... The market is sending a message to Quebec to expect more of this if you do vote 'yes'."

Share prices, regardless of which way the vote goes, are likely to recover. But such a *recovery would not be enough* to offset the inevitable debt crisis, one that could paralyse Canada and Quebec for years if the separatist forces get their way. The reason: Jacques Parizeau, Quebec's Premier, has threatened to withhold the province's share of payments *on the national debt unless it* gets a sovereignty agreement it can live with.

The blackmail threat has sent shudders through the international investment community. Canada *relies heavily on foreigners* to fund its bloated deficits. The national debt is now almost C$600 billion, an extraordinarily high figure for a country with a population of less than 30 million.

The greater amount of federal and provincial debt in foreign hands — perhaps more than 40 per cent — is the *main reason why a "yes" vote* in this referendum would have more serious implications than in the last one.

A "yes" vote will undoubtedly trigger a wholesale sell-off of Canadian debt issues. Debt ratings agencies would place the issues on credit alert, increasing the cost of borrowing, then downgrade them, increasing the cost of borrowing again. The Bank of Canada would have to raise interest rates; short-term rates are climbing already. If they go high enough, Canada could plunge back into recession.

The tragedy is that Canada has gone out of its way to accommodate Quebec in recent years. The province effectively is a sovereign society already. Its latest move is beginning to look like a cynical effort to avoid paying its fair share of the national debt. The loser will be one of the world's most peaceful and prosperous countries.

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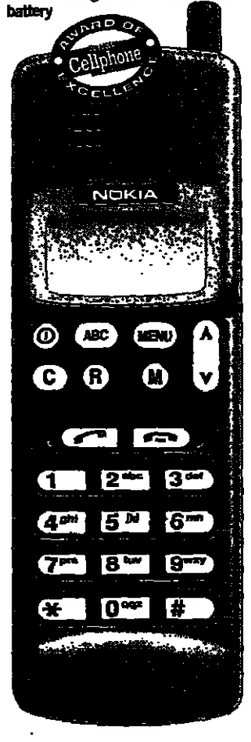
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Vero to give staff £3.2m float reward

EMPLOYEES of Vero Group, a supplier to the mobile communications industry, will share £3.2 million as a reward for the company's stock market flotation (Christine Buckley writes).

Vero, which plans to raise £45 million through an offer and placing which will lead to a full listing, is to give all 1,450 staff, but not the board, an award of shares; or, for overseas employees, a cash bonus.

Brian Gay, managing director, said market capitalisation of the company, bought by its management two years ago from BICC, should reach about £125 million. A pathfinder document forecasts operating profits for the year to end-December of £12.6 million, up 52 per cent.


ROBIN MAYES

Chris Thomson, Vero finance director, left, and Brian Gay, managing director, aim for a full listing

Roxspur's shares suspended

Shares in Roxspur were suspended at 6½p yesterday as the company embarked on talks with its main shareholders and banks to try to secure a financial restructuring.

The company blamed a sharp deterioration in trading at Wills Group, which makes electronic and electro-mechanical components, acquired via a £27.6 million recommended share offer in March.

Roxspur, which originally made playground equipment and street furniture, said the problems at Wills had caused severe short-term cashflow difficulties within the group. A further announcement is expected today or tomorrow.

AIM hits 101

The Alternative Investment Market, the Stock Exchange market that succeeds the Unlisted Securities Market and the now-defunct Rule 4.2 matched bargain trading facility, has broken through the century mark. Two new entrants, Creos International, a developer and manufacturer of medical imaging equipment, and Clan Holdings, a property company, yesterday pushed the number of AIM-listed companies to 101.

Galaxy sold

Chrysalis Group, the broadcasting and leisure group, is acquiring Galaxy Radio, which holds a regional FM radio licence for the Severn Estuary area, from GWR Group for £4.1 million. GWR acquired Galaxy as part of the £20.6 million takeover of Chiltern Radio in July. It is estimated that Galaxy made a trading loss for the year to September 30.

Milk shake-up at Northern Foods

BY OUR CITY STAFF

NORTHERN FOODS is to reorganise its Midlands business in a swap deal with Associated Co-op Creameries. Northern is transferring its doorstep delivery business in Cleveland, Co Durham and parts of Yorkshire and Derbyshire. In return, Northern is paying £850,000 and taking on East Midlands milk delivery businesses from Associated Co-op.

In a separate deal, Northern has sold its Colwyn Bay dairy and six distribution depots in North Wales to Longslow Dairy for £4.5 million. The company also confirmed it will axe 322 jobs when dairies in Hull and Middlesbrough close early next year.

The cutbacks, originally announced in the spring, are part of a radical restructuring that will eventually see Northern, based in Hull, shed 40 per cent of its milk bottling business. It blamed a slump in doorstep deliveries from supermarket competition. The cost would be met by the £48 million already set aside for redundancies and closures.

The company has already sold its milk businesses in the South West to Wessex Dairies and closed its Tarvin dairy near Chester. Martin Clark, finance director, said the general decline in the volume of milk sold through doorstep deliveries had continued in line with predictions made in the spring. By 1997, only 30 per cent of milk would be sold direct to homes, he said.

Enterprise Inns shares set at 145p

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Enterprise Inns are to cost 145p each, capitalising the independent pubs group at £58.7 million when it floats via a placing and intermediaries offer next month.

Enterprise now has, after some sales, 486 pubs in the Midlands, Yorkshire and the North West. It was formed in a £50 million management buy-in from Bass in 1991, and is led by Ted Tuppen, chief executive, and Michael Cottrell, chairman. Enterprise expanded its original estate of 368 pubs by acquiring 85 more from Allied Domecq in 1994 and a further 45 from Whitbread earlier this year. Enterprise's estate was valued at £84.2 million last month.

The offer will raise about £41 million, with Enterprise set to receive net cash of £18.6 million. Dealings start on November 6.

Enterprise intends to use the proceeds from the flotation to cut present borrowings of about £45 million. The company lifted pre-tax profits 28 per cent to £5.66 million in the year to September 30, on turnover ahead 8 per cent at £24.6 million.

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New drugs help SmithKline to absorb Tagamet downturn

BY MARTIN BARROW

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceuticals company, said revenue from new drugs continued to offset the impact of a downturn in sales of Tagamet, its former money-spinner.

The company said sales of new pharmaceuticals products advanced 26 per cent in the three months to the end of September, helping to lift group turnover from continuing operations by 16 per cent to £1.7 billion. Despite the strong growth in sales, pre-tax profits in the third quarter advanced 9 per cent to £310 million, affected by higher interest charges and taxes related to acquisitions and higher capital expenditure. Analysts had forecast pre-tax profits of between £305 million and £320 million.

Third-quarter earnings were 1 per cent higher at 7.9p and the quarterly dividend is 3.2p. SmithKline shares rose 9p to 673p yesterday, a new high for the year.

Jan Leschly, chief executive, said: "SB turned in a strong operating performance, staying on track to meet 1995 financial goals. Our new products continued to show good growth more than offsetting the expected decline in prescription Tagamet sales in the US."

Tagamet, an anti-ulcer and anti-acid drug, has long been the main money-spinner of the group, but it lost its patent in May 1994 and its US market share dropped sharply in the face of cheaper generic rivals.

Mr Leschly said higher corporate operating margins resulting from savings from the integration of over-the-counter medicines business of Sterling, bought in 1994, had more than offset the loss of Tagamet sales and downward pressure on prices. He said the launch in America of Tagamet HB, the over-the-counter version of Tagamet, was "an outstanding achievement" and that the drug had gained rapid market acceptance.

He said: "We expect the flow of new products to continue on the strength of our own pipeline and through collaborations with other companies."

For the nine months, pre-tax profits rose to £1.48 billion from £929 million, with earnings advancing 4 per cent to 24.5p. Sales and profits from continuing operations rose 20 per cent and 17 per cent respectively at comparable exchange rates. Pre-tax profits, excluding exceptional items, increased 4 per cent. Exceptional items include a gain on the disposal of the animal health business to Pfizer for £512 million.

ACCOUNTANCY

Roasting an old chestnut

David Haigh on how finance directors may soon value brands

As the smoke clears from the ASB's public hearings into the treatment of goodwill and intangible assets, it is looking increasingly likely that a draft standard will be ready by the spring, coming into effect for accounting periods ending December 1997. It seems that little emerged to alter the ASB's draft proposals.

Where brands can be reliably valued, it should become standard practice to include them on the balance sheet. Where it can be demonstrated that they have a probable life of more than 20 years, and subject to an annual review, they will not have to be amortised. The new standard will apply to all acquisitions after the implementation date, with transitional proposals allowing companies to restate transactions.

Will finance directors yawn apathetically now that the old chestnut has finally been roasted? It has been suggested that the number of companies regarding it as useful to restate their figures will be small. However, it will almost certainly be in the interests of companies with acquired "blue chip" brands to display them on the balance sheet. There seems little in the transitional proposals to prevent firms cherry picking their portfolios for brands which are likely to hold their value. Capitalising them would enhance the appearance of the balance sheet without affecting earnings.

Leading underwriters are seriously considering providing cover for brands which have been valued by professional valuers. Any permanent diminution in reported value would crystallise a claim. Not only would this protect balance sheet assets, but it would immediately improve the ability of companies to securitise debt against brands.

Such a development would lead to the syndication of brand risk in both insurance and lending terms. This would create a market in brand assets not previously considered possible. It might even satisfy the IASC's requirement that only where a market exists can brands be recognised as assets. Might such a development soften the position of the ASB on internally generated brands? Now, the ASB sees no justification for recognising such brands, suggesting that information of this kind should be optional items in the Operating and Financial Review.

However, some companies believe more extensive reporting of brand performance would be good for both management and shareholders. On behalf of *Marketing Business*, the official journal of the Institute of Marketing, Interbrand and Total Research undertook a survey of marketing directors responsible for brands with annual sales in excess of £30 billion.


David Haigh says the best brands may be cherry picked

Of these, 97 per cent of respondents believe that brands are identifiable and separable assets: 86 per cent believe that acquired brands should be reported in the balance sheet; 75 per cent say internally generated brands should also be included; more significantly, 82 per cent believed that management accounts should provide more detail on brand values and brand profitability. In effect, marketing directors want to be judged on changes in brand value.

There seems to be a consensus among marketing directors that "accountability" is too narrow and short-term in nature. They believe brand value measures, based on a longer-term perspective, could lead to a broader appreciation of how corporate value is added.

Interbrand has always argued that "economic use" valuation, based on discounted cashflows, is the most appropriate — a view shared by many finance and marketing directors and apparently by the standard setters. However, some valuers maintain that, for example, the "royalty relief" method is equally valid.

This approach depends on comparable benchmark rates, but unfortunately these are often not available or are non-comparable.

Such differences of opinion highlight the urgent need to agree a standard approach to valuation. In the absence of clear guidelines, finance directors and auditors could be in for a roasting themselves.

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Present at history in the making

THERE was a remarkable sight last week. It was the senior partner of a Big Six firm and Austin Mitchell, MP, famed critic of the profession, agreeing with each other. This extraordinary event took place at a question-time I was chairing for the Hewitson-Walker Business Network, run by the eponymous recruitment consultants. And the subject that the two men agreed about was one which is increasingly uniting accountants everywhere — government accounting.

The senior partner was Colin Sharman of KPMG. He has spent part of his career at the Treasury and knows the full horrors of the cash accounting system under which the Government still operates. He once characterised it as one person sitting in the depths of the Treasury with a sack of coins. He lets a few out, and every so often smuggles some more back in. It does not suggest a sophisticated method of accounting.

The question to the panel was what advice they would give to central government departments as they set about adopting accrual and asset-based accounting. Sharman's advice was simple. He said: "Buy a goodly supply of cold towels to wrap around their heads." Sharman thought the changes in managing their enterprises would be very difficult for government departments. Mitchell found the idea that accountants might have the answer to a management problem difficult to accept. He said: "I think that most of the rigidities and problems are not really caused by accountancy differences, because there has to be a different approach and a different set of standards in the public sector, but by the rigidities of Treasury control and the inflexibility of Treasury attitudes. This is the real problem, rather than the kind of accountancy measures you are using."

So Sharman tried a different tack. He said: "I think the thing that has always driven public-sector accounting has been the dichotomy between the need for parliamentary vote controls and the need for sensible accounting. What I think needs to change is an understanding that programmes do not work annually. And I think something as simple as that would move things quite a long way forward."

Then the historic moment occurred. Mitchell leaned forward. "I agree with that absolutely," he said. The audience cheered. But by that point the evidence was firmly stacking up in the accountants' corner.


ROBERT BRUCE

Another panellist was Juen Mulroy, finance director at Chelsea and Westminster Healthcare NHS Trust. While the Sharmans and Mitchells talk about the problems, she is knee deep in them. And she made that plain.

In the health service, she said, "I find it very strange to be stuck in the middle of something where I am trying to work with the Treasury who think that balance sheets don't really matter because they are looking at the economic structure and so it doesn't matter if we are struggling, and other people in the system are not".

She also had her own characterisation of the cash accounting system which the health service, like so many parts of the Government's finances, struggles under. She said: "It is what I call a 'teapot' method of accounting. You start the year with a full teapot on the mantelpiece, you keep dipping into it and you get to the end of the year and find that if you have got more, you fling it around. If you haven't got any more, you go into a period of austerity." It was this lack of a chance of long-term planning which the panel bemoaned. And it is ludicrous when you are dealing with something like the health service. Mulroy said: "I find it quite gruesome to have to imply that if people come along in January, February and March that they can't be treated because the teapot's empty."

Another topic was that of merger of Cima, the management accounting body, with the English ICA. "What would Cima members get out of it?," came the question. "Nothing," said Mitchell. "I think they are barmy. They will be eaten alive by the institute. Their personnel will be replaced by institute personnel and they will be associated with all the loving popularity that accountants, the institute and its practices have hung around the neck of the accountancy bodies."

He also saw no point in moves to reduce the sheer number of the UK's six accountancy bodies. His solution was for the bodies to remain much as they are, but develop an independent regulator which would be the "over-arching" link between them. It is at times like that when the profession should not revile Mitchell, but thank him for pointing it in the right direction.

Quick test to help with disclosure

TODAY sees the publication of the Accounting Standards Board's FRS8 on related party disclosures. This provides rules for disclosure where, for example, a director may have a financial interest in a specific contract. Directors always argue that materiality of their own interest against that of the country means that it does not have to be disclosed. Auditors have a tough time. But apparently the senior partner of one firm has devised his own test. If the directors say the item is not material, he says, "then give it back". And they find it is material after all.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

What's in a name?

THERE seems to be no end to the confusion surrounding the proposed merger between CIMA, the management accounting body, and the English ICA. They still haven't come up with a name for the proposed new body. Today, they have placed £495 of members' funds on a quarter-page advertisement in *Accountancy Age* headed "What's in a name?". This allows members to indicate their preference for such catchy possibilities as "The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Business and in Practice". Or they can write in their own suggestions. No prize has been offered.

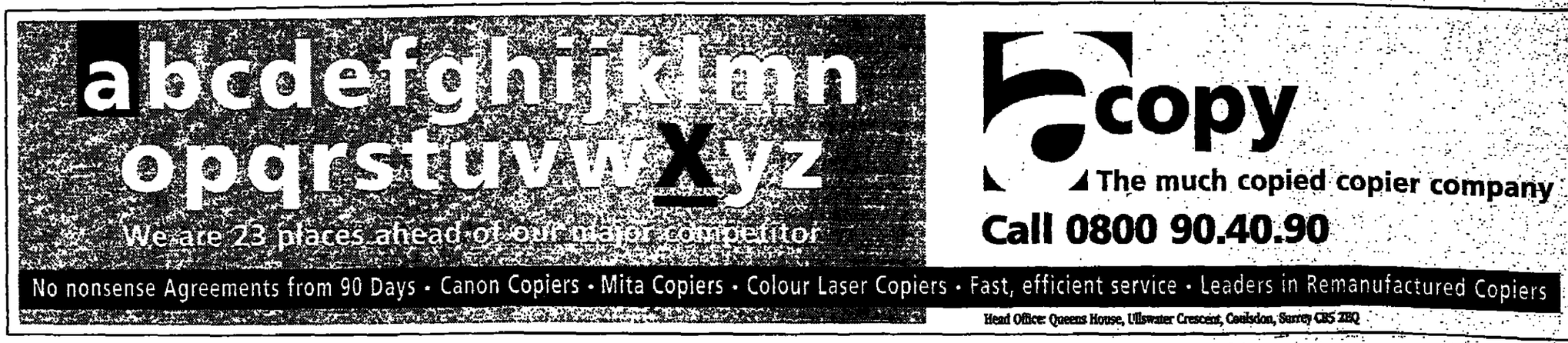
Benchmark offer

THE English ICA's faculty of finance and management is offering a free benchmarking service to members. This is offered, via the faculty, by The Hackett Group, the US consultancy firm, which has been providing a similar service for members of the US accounting body, the AICPA. Given any member of the English, Scots or Irish ICA can join for £50 a year and so gain access to the benchmarking offer, the faculty's 4,200 membership should be growing.

Merger gloom

MORE gloom for the English ICA. At an event organised by Arthur Andersen and Michael Page, the recruitment consultants, for recent exam prize-winners, the hot topic was the proposed merger with CIMA. The newly-qualified were, by and large, agin it.

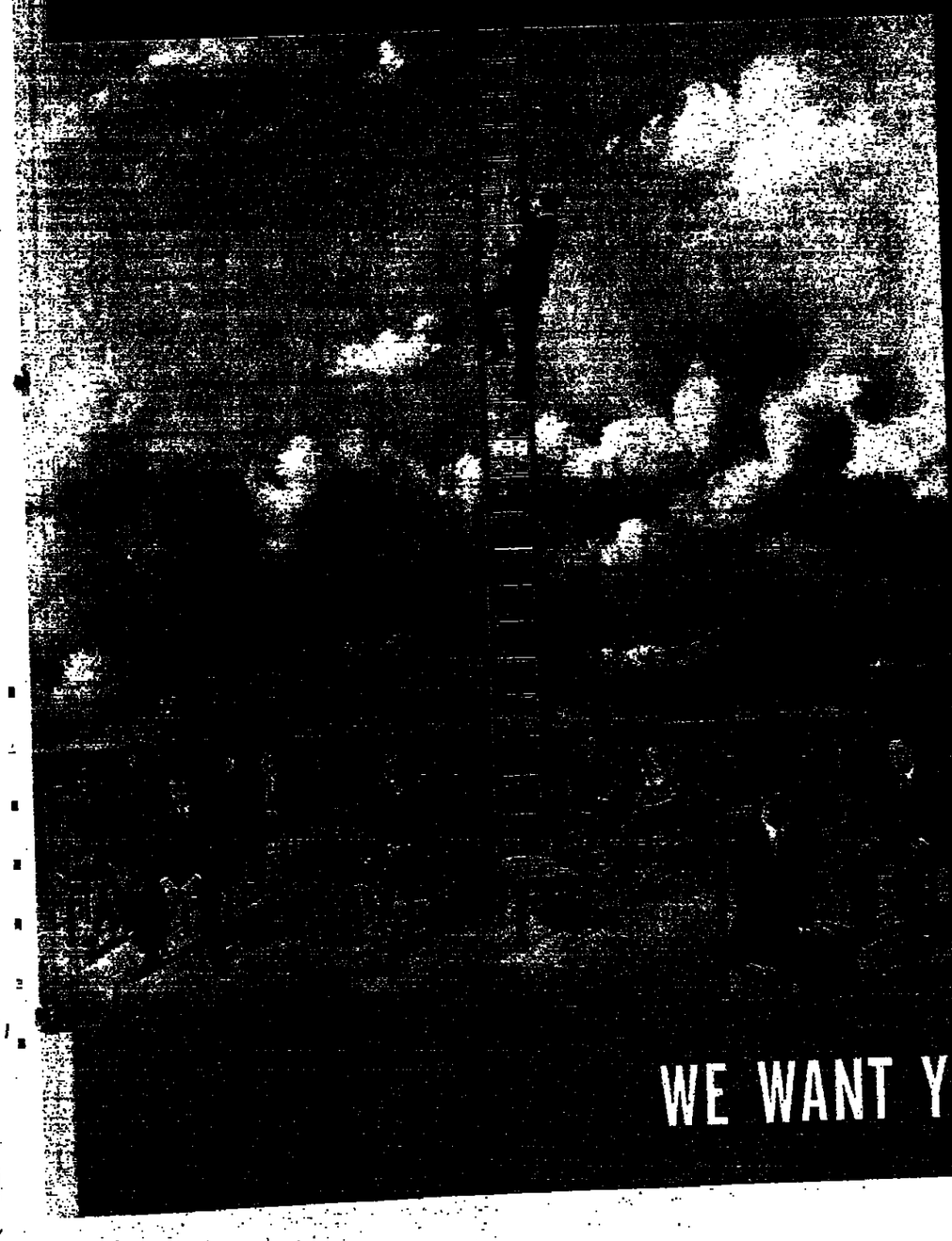
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Michael Hatfield introduces a two-page report on The City and Guilds of London Institute to mark the opening of its head office

The master body takes on the challengers

Less than a decade ago The City and Guilds of London Institute, as an educational institution, was the master of all it purveyed in the industrial and technical sectors: it set educational standards and curricula and made the awards.

Not any more. Since the creation of national vocational qualifications (NVQs) and general national vocational qualifications (GNVQs) eight years ago, C&G has had to exist within a highly competitive marketplace.

No longer responsible for setting standards domestically (its international activities are on a more traditional basis), C&G now competes with 130 other entities drawn from industry and trade organisations as an awarding and assessment body, as well as such traditional institutions as the Royal Society of Arts, the Business and Technology Council (Btec) and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The question of whether there are too many award bodies is a subject of lively controversy, and one in which C&G is a vociferous participant, but the fact remains that C&G has had to pass through a culture transformation in recent years in order to counter the competition.

Although it is proud of the laurels it has earned in setting educational standards, it has had to develop commercial skills and seek business in the marketplace. Its customers are schools, further education institutions and 10,000 private-sector providers.

In order to meet the competition from other awarding bodies, it has relocated five operational centres in one new head office, opened last week by the Duke of Edinburgh, who is C&G president, recently opened or reorganised its regional offices and repositioned 400 members of staff. Within the last year, 64 per cent of its workforce have changed jobs and gained responsibility.

Housed under one roof, aside from the regional offices, C&G staff now not only assess vocational qualifications and provide back-up customer services, but also run various departments such as Pitman qualifications (C&G bought Pitman's from Longmans), its National Examinations for Supervisions and Management, City & Guilds International and City & Guilds Training and Consultancy.

But why has it spent all this time, energy and money to bring about such a revolution in its traditional practices? Nick Carey, who was appointed C&G director-general two years ago, has a two-fold answer: "In a real sense, City & Guilds' expertise can genuinely reinforce the NVQ programme in a way that smaller awarding sectors cannot do. They have no background and tradition in assessment. It may sound pretentious, but City & Guilds has to bother, for the national good.

"Secondly, if City & Guilds did not embrace the national framework it would cease to exist because NVQs and GNVQs are the future of vocational education.

"We have something to offer in terms of expertise and our innovative history. We also have a good name for rigour and quality, and it is worth spending money, time and effort to promote the City & Guilds approach. It is for the good of vocational education in this country.

"In the narrower sense, it is worthwhile that people be given a choice. And if we did not do it, other people would."

C&G, once primarily associated with technical/mechanical sector awards, is now a one-stop shop, covering all sectors of the economy: industry, commerce, retailing and social care, the latter a growing area in terms of candidate applications. C&G is still strong in vehicle and plant maintenance, and it is developing the information technology, commerce and training, and beauty and care sectors.

Broadly speaking, in the domestic market NVQs make up 35 per cent of its business (from 30 per cent last year). Another 55 per cent is centred on vocational non-NVQs, such as traditional C&G schemes that continue where NVQs as yet do not exist, or with "bespoke" schemes that C&G develops with individual companies, colleges and the Ministry of Defence. Although GNVQs are led by Btec as the principal awarding body, C&G is moving into the area. It represented 3 per cent of its business last year, although it was responsible for 20 per cent of the awards.

In the past year interest has been increasing in such awards from higher education organisations and industry and from candidates applying directly. C&G also has a partnership with the Royal Military College of Science.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Lorraine Madden talks the Duke of Edinburgh through the changes at City & Guild's new head office in London

MICHAEL POWELL



Keeping up standards: Nick Carey, director of The City and Guilds of London Institute

Catering to the needs of the customer

Commercial success means staying ahead of the competition

When City & Guilds was looking for a new director-general two years ago it was not a quixotic whim on behalf of its chairman Paul Waite and his board of governors that they broke with tradition and went outside the educational field and into the business world to find a suitable candidate.

It was a recognition that if the institution was going to survive it had to become more commercial. The man they appointed, Nick Carey, had spent a lifetime with ICL. He was managing director of its petrochemical and plastics division.

"The thing that changed for us was that the customer had a choice," says Keith Brooker, director of development and operations. "What we have to ensure is that when they exercise that choice they are buying from City & Guilds."

The size of market, perhaps, is indicated by the fact that C&G receives some 1,500 telephone calls a week from schools, colleges, or individuals. Not all are potential new customers (many are seeking further guidance or information) but the majority are, and are therefore a possible source of revenue.

C&G exists in a commodity market and that is why it has set up its one-stop shop, developed its spread of subjects and offers a range of services, including training and consultancy for schools, further education to help customers to develop their potential, and a business consultancy.

These innovations are designed to meet its competitors, which are seen by Elaine Treasure, director of quality and customer services, as coming from two directions. There are those who offer a range of qualifications, such as the Royal Society of Arts and Btec (although C&G has the widest range), and there are the specialist awarding bodies.

Mrs Treasure says: "Although the latter are very narrow, specialising in one subject, such as engineering or construction, they are able to target very specifically and tailor their services, which makes them strong. What we have to do is to tackle both those kinds of competition by being strong without specialist background knowledge and offering the one-stop shop to our customer."

C&G sees the strength of its one-stop shop approach as preventing the customer having to duplicate its administration and quality assurance procedures by having to deal with a number of award bodies. It is not only developing its tailor-made programmes with individual companies, where it sets the standards in conjunction with the company and carries out the assessments and awards, but is also constantly moving into new areas.

"We have to match the traditional with the new, to provide what the customer needs," Mrs Treasure says. "This means looking at travel, sports and leisure, the growth industries of the economy, which are looking towards qualifications for their workforces."

World, here we come

C&G plans to further its overseas expansion

More than 800,000 people each year sit examinations assessed by the City & Guilds. Each individual, however, takes a number of papers, so that the total number of examination entries is really four million.

The City & Guilds' aim over the next five years, says Nick Carey, director-general, is to consolidate its position as Britain's leading assessment and certification body for vocational education and training, and to expand its operations overseas.

Mr Carey contends that few other organisations have the range and levels of certification offered by C&G. It is involved in the NVQ, GNVQ, GCSE routes, as well as other C&G awards, from basic skills level to degree and post-graduate degree equivalents.

Traditionally, C&G may have been associated with the "dirty hands" element of certification, such as engineering and motor vehicles, but that is no longer the case, although those two sectors still figure in the portfolio of awards.

Business and commerce, for example, now make up 16 per cent of its business, and interest in health and social care is growing. About 100,000 candidates, aged 17-60 plus, have registered for NVQs in care, childcare and education and operating department practice.

Because it sees itself as a one-stop shop, C&G covers a vast range in its assessment and awards, from information and technology to saddlery and jewellery. Working with the National Council for Vocational Qualifications and the Schools Curriculum Assessment Authority, C&G offers GNVQs in several sectors, including business, art and design, manufacturing, leisure and tourism, health and social care, hospitality and catering, and science.

Beyond the NVQ framework, C&G provides assessments based on syllabuses developed with advice and support from representatives of industry, education and government agencies. These include qualifications for areas where NVQs have not yet been fully developed for general education (for example, the Technological Baccalaureate and Communications Skills) and for leisure activities such as photography and gardening.

Its Pitman's Examinations Institute has a range of well-established single-subject certificates, from office technology and information processing to accounts.

At a higher level of education its National Examinations for Supervisions and Management, in addition to national and Scottish vocational qualifications at levels 3 to 5, offers introductory certificate and diploma programmes for those aspiring to management positions.

In addition there are Senior Awards. All C&G qualifications are part of a structure of awards allowing the candidate to progress over seven levels. Senior awards, at levels 4-7, recognise outstanding achievements in industry, commerce and the public services. The purpose is to offer a progressive vocational, rather than academic, route to professional qualifications, and complement the Government's aim of giving vocational qualifications the same status as those that are academically based. Senior awards are Licentiateship (equivalent to NVQ level 4); Graduateship/Associateship (at the level of a first degree or NVQ level 5); Membership (at Master's degree level) and Fellowship, the highest level of professional achievement.

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Soldiering to a fortune



DAVID JACKMAN, above, aged 56, makes black magic boxes containing complex circuits and software that enable computers driven by totally different systems to communicate with each other.

Imagine that a computer in Paris wants to "talk" to Air Tahiti on the island of Bora Bora in French Polynesia. Unless the two systems are compatible then communication is a logistical nightmare.

David runs Zircon Communications with his partner Bill Comben near Heathrow. David left school at 15, joined the Army as a cadet and was assigned to the Royal Signals. Starting with a C&G in basic electronics, he then gained an intermediate certificate and an advanced certificate through day release while he was working for GCHQ as a communications engineer.

Then the microprocessor arrived on the scene in the mid-1970s and revolutionised the world of electronics. David and his partner set up their company in 1981. David mortgaged his house, worked for 14 hours a day and risked everything. It was a bold step, but it has worked.

There are now around 2,000 Zircon boxes in the field handling data from around the world. The company has a turnover of about £350,000 a year. "We have found a niche in the market because we can tackle the smaller jobs that the big companies won't touch," says David.

"The Army taught me to be resourceful and City & Guilds taught me how to combine theory and practice. Few qualifications offer that real hands-on experience or encourage you to live in the real world."



Tina Boughey, a C&G qualified cookery teacher, gives a catering demonstration at her home

NEWS TEAM

Take one original idea

LOTS of people have dreams of running their own catering business. It seems a natural step from being a good cook to becoming a professional caterer, doing weddings, parties or directors' lunches. But few people have hit upon the original idea of running cookery demonstrations and culinary tours abroad.

Tina Boughey, 43, runs Worcestershire Cookery Demonstrations from her home in Kidderminster. As well as taking cookery classes (which include men-only and children's sessions) she invites well-known chefs such as television's Mary Berry to give celebrity demonstrations to groups of gourmets who pay between £19 and £28 per session for the privilege.

The other branch of the business is organising culinary tours to Amalfi and Florence, where a holiday for food enthusiasts and culture-vultures is combined with cookery demonstrations from some of Italy's top chefs.

The idea stemmed from an interest in cookery fuelled by evening classes at Kidderminster College. Tina, a former nurse, started by gaining a City & Guilds qualification in Basic Cookery, then progressed to the more advanced Cook's Professional Certificate. But it was while she was in the middle of a C&G teaching-certificate course that the idea of running a cookery school started to germinate.

"I had to organise extra hours of teaching practice to meet the requirements of the course, and the easiest solution was to set up sessions at home with an invited group of students so that I could be assessed," she explains.

The sessions proved so popular that Tina persuaded her husband, a builder, to construct a purpose-built kitchen with two hobs in a central island and space to seat up to 28 people.

Four years later the business is thriving and packing in the punters for cookery demos on "Midsummer Magic" or "Pasta Pronto". She also has an agent in America, her former partner Jenny Aston, who markets the culinary tours business to Americans who fly over for a taste of middle England (taking in Blenheim and Stratford as well as cookery demos) or the Italian tours.

A growth business

FIVE years ago Anne Jennings left behind a secure job and a promising career in banking and decided to retrain as a landscape gardener.

The idea came to her when she visited Capel Manor Horticulture and Environment Centre in Enfield, north London, on one of their open days. "I had always enjoyed gardening. After 15 years working in banks all I was really doing was pushing paper around," she says.

So she left the security of banking and took a full-time City & Guilds course in Horticulture and Countryside Conservation at Capel Manor, with the help of a mature student's grant. "It was a very practical course. We were sent outside digging and had to learn about the different needs of plants — the kind of soil and conditions they thrive on and the nutrients they need."

A year later, having started to take on some private gardening work, she took a day release City & Guilds course in Soft Landscape and Design which added to her skills.

Anne was now ready to set up as a professionally qualified landscape gardener, work which she now combines with a part-time job at the Museum of Garden History in Lambeth.

She has already started propagating her own plants and eventually plans to move away from north London, with her partner and three-year-old daughter, and open her own nursery.

Landscape and garden design is becoming a very popular second career for many people, but Anne has very definite ideas on how people should prepare themselves for that kind of work.

"It is important to start at the bottom and get your hands dirty. City & Guilds is one of the few qualifications that are really practical," she says.

Treasured certificates that crossed the wall

C&G courses have been translated into Mandarin

Earlier this month a landmark award ceremony took place in Shanghai, *Michael Hatfield writes.* Nick Carey, the director-general of City & Guilds, and Paul Waite, his chairman, were handing out the first certificates to 350 Chinese students who had participated in C&G certification courses.

The Chinese connection began four years ago, when the C&G had its main office in Portland Place in the heart of London, not far from the Chinese Embassy, although the institution has been long established in Hong Kong.

The Chinese candidates sat examinations, specially translated into Mandarin, covering subjects as diverse as electronics, hairdressing, sewing, computer programming and vehicle mechanics.

China is a country that has tremendous growth potential for providers of education, as is South Africa, where, only in the past year, C&G has established a presence and has about 30 education centres providing courses in consultation with a South African advisory group of senior industrialists.

City & Guilds, primarily through its Pitman's Examinations Institute (PEI), operates in 80 countries. Hardy Jones, the director of strategic planning, estimates that 20 per cent of C&G's business is in the international market. He says that the target is to reach 25 per cent within the next two years.

Not only is C&G well established in the Middle East and Africa — in particular in Zambia and Kenya — but it also has educational centres in western Europe and the newly emerging countries in the former Eastern bloc.

The main thrust of C&G is through PEI, where, in particular, its English for Speakers of Another Language (ESOL) is evidently a big attraction for candidates.

Not only is the course popular in areas already mentioned, but in the Caribbean and South America, where there has been significant growth in entries for ESOL, it has attracted great interest.

In North America C&G has seen a consolidation and expansion, and important contracts have been signed with industrial, commercial and educational organisations to assess or evaluate technical and office skills.

As an indication of C&G reputation worldwide, the American Society of Certified Technicians recognises the institute's certificates in the engineering field.

Pick yourself up

THE COLLAPSE of the mining industry has left a trail of devastation as communities have had to cope with massive change. Many miners found themselves having to retrain and learn new skills.

Paul Guy, 39, saw the light back in the mid 1980s and decided to leave the mining industry before he was made redundant. He had spent nearly 20 years as a colliery mechanic with British Coal in Derbyshire, a job that involved maintaining, installing and repairing mining equipment and supervising the training of mechanics.

Paul had a general education in Maths, English and Science and a City & Guilds qualifications in mining engineering, but he needed more qualifications, so, in 1985, he went back to college to take O levels and then started applying for jobs.

He realised that his experience supervising training could be used as a lever into a new career. Paul found a job working for the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) as an adult literacy and numeracy tutor and welfare adviser, but he was made redundant in 1991.

The experience, however, landed him a job as an adult training organiser for the North Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce. Four years later Paul now helps other people to find their feet after redundancy and unemployment, helping them to change careers, conduct a job search, perform better at interviews and write CVs. In addition, he has picked up an impressive portfolio of qualifications including City & Guilds Licentiateship. He is also working towards an Open University degree in Social Sciences.

"Gaining these qualifications taught me how to communicate and present information. The discipline of having to think out your aims and objectives and prepare learning programmes has been invaluable. It beats crawling around underground," he says.

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4075	2531¼	Bank America	3962½	-93¾		
270½	191½	Bank Scotland†	259	+1	3.0	11.5
778	557½	Barclays	740	-2	3.8	10.1
426	288	Bk of Ireland	424	+1	3.8	8.5
525	418	Cater Allen	483		7.5	7.3
4662½	2450	Citicorp	4200	-62½		
340½	216½	Close Bros	316		3.4	
£162¼	£129¼	Commerzbk	£147⅞	+87½	3.7	
1375	993¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1121½	-16¾	0.5	
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	2953½	+81½	2.5	
881½	612½	Espirito Santo	712½		11.6	
1611	1172¼	Fuji Bank Y	1231¼	-18½	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	448		6.3	14.5
253	180	Hambros	208	+6	4.5	52.4
963	589	HSBC	944	+4½	3.7	12.3
947	578	HSBC HK†	929	+6	3.8	12.1
336	228	Irish Perm†	334		3.6	7.7
463	353	Joseph (L)	423		5.2	23.6
145	85	King Shaxson	127		8.9	9.9
792½	530	Lloyds	777	+6	4.3	11.9
582	479	Nat Aust Bk†	547	+2	6.8	8.6
669	454	Nat West	656	+4½	4.3	10.2
3000	2150	Oldenham Bank	2500		6.5	3.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	45		2.8	18.0
569½	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	517		3.5	12.4
1478	906½	Schroders†	1348	-15	1.3	19.2
1180	823½	Schroders N/Vt	1098	-15	1.6	15.6
110	81	Singer & Fried†	106		4.4	11.0
529½	246	Stand Chart	514	+15	2.2	12.9
377	217	TSB	373	+4	3.2	15.6
121	70	Union	105		3.6	
£145¼	9043½	Wells Fargo	£139½	+212½	2.1	
263½	211	Westpac	259½	+1½	2.2	
395	200	Wintrust	295		4.8	18.9

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
117½	88½	ABI Leis	100		5.2	11.5
595	535	Adam & Harvey	550		4.0	6.5
21	14	Alexanders	14		6.2	23.0
113	88	Appleyard	105		7.1	11.3
4½	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
623	518	BSS Group	579		4.2	16.7
48	28	Baird	35			
24½	16	Bearing Power	17		7.4	8.4
28	18	Bogod 'A'	25	-2	3.4	9.3
483	345	Bromsert	462		3.7	17.8
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	17		1.5	
96	78	Brit Fittings†	89	-1	4.5	13.5
270	215	Caltyns	253		5.7	18.0
88	54	Central Mtr	68		5.1	18.5
60	35	Cook (DC)	58		3.2	8.5
320½	220	Coma	302		3.9	13.0
155	125	Dag Motors†	138		6.5	11.4
598	513	Dealmans D	514		1.9	11.3
501	408	Diploma	420	+1	4.2	12.8
332½	236	Electrocomp	310	+2	2.3	22.6
247	153	Evans Elec	238	+7	2.2	16.5
735	124	Eurocopts	124	-1	7.9	7.5
120	87	European Mtr	107		5.8	9.2
449	364	Evans Halshaw	410	-3	4.7	12.7
695	512	Farnell Elect	661		1.9	19.2
72	48	Fife Indmar	66		6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	20¾		4.9	8.1
30	16	Glenchewton	29		1.3	
108	61	Gomrapct	85	-2	3.3	14.1
178	78	Harris (Philip)	165		5.4	11.4
188	142	Heatkem†	186		2.8	16.3
554	258	Henlys	512		2.4	19.0
121	81	Holders Tech	121	+2	6.2	23.0
150	88	ISA Intl	150	+3	1.4	16.3
430	274	Inchcape†	315	+3	8.0	28.4
66	53	Jacks (Wm)†	61		1.5	11.6
187	142	Kwik-Fit	183		3.1	15.6
358½	264½	Lex Service	336		5.4	17.9
195	146	Lookers	148		6.4	8.2
22	9	Mallaya Grp	10	-¼	8.0	13.5
9	5	Moddesex	9	+¼	0.7	20.7
71	37	Molesons	40	+3		4.6
503	330	Nortsalt	494		1.3	17.0
226	78	Northamber	225	+14	0.9	18.1
156	137	PCT†	137		7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	281½		3.7	14.7
168	123	Perry Grp†	164		5.8	12.4
146	126	Quicks Group†	143		5.0	12.2
183	160	REA	161		3.1	18.2
3½	2½	Reece	2½			
73	48	Reeson	53		2.9	10.6
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3¼			
63½	37½	SEP Ind†	61	+½	2.5	20.3
17½	10	Salling	12½		7.1	
74½	38	TLS	63	-3	3.7	10.7
266	236	Time Products	258		4.5	14.9
275	151	Vardy (Reg)	268		2.7	17.0
303	240	Wholesale Ftgs	302		4.8	18.9
80	62½	Wilshaw	73		1.3	19.0
90	56½	Wyko†	89	-1	1.8	
91	68	Young (H)	89		5.1	13.6

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
231	143	Accoc Hldgs	216			0.4
689	487	Bass	656	+1	4.1	15.8
412	239	Boddington	400		3.8	20.6
192	132	Burtonwd Brw	186		3.6	17.3
186	137	Eldridge P 'A'	172		3.1	20.9
61	51	Foster Brewing	59	+1	5.0	
433	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	408		2.6	17.5
527	402	Greenalls Grp	479	+1	3.5	13.9
658	468	Greene King	641		2.7	17.2
284	240	Hardy Hanson	275		4.4	12.9
160	150	Heavitree	155		4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Holt JI	3143		2.1	16.8
347	219	Mansfield	329		2.0	17.3
321	266	Marston Thmp	304		2.7	15.2
543	391½	Morland	538		2.6	16.2
8½	6½	Paramount†	6½		4.2	
605	307	Regent Inns	584		1.5	23.0
2081½	1287½	SA Breweries	2068¾		1.7	
624	482	Scot & New	588	+1	3.9	15.8
337	226	Scot & New P/P	330			
309	211	Vaux Group	261½	-1	4.8	14.8
637	448	Wetherspoon JD†	632	+2	1.6	
647	521	Whitbread	613	+3	4.1	15.9
585	483	Wolverhmptn D	530	-1	3.3	13.6
290	186	Yates Bros	270	+1	1.4	27.1
475	425	Young A	455		4.1	20.4

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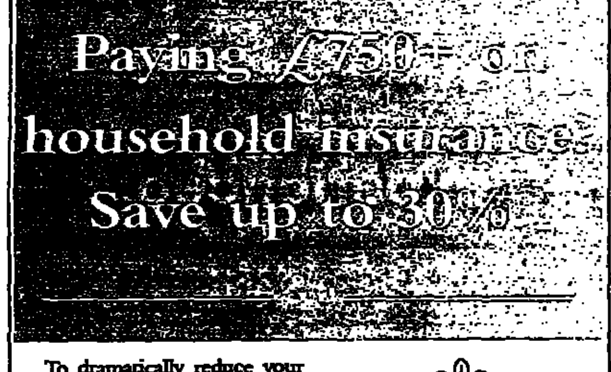
UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01055 258 783				
[illegible] Arrow	194.10	204.60	+0.50	0.13
[illegible] Equity	262.30	279.10	+1.20	2.18
[illegible] Euro	228.20	241.80	+1.60	1.32
[illegible] Capt Inc	122.80	127.10	...	1.81
[illegible] Gilt	73.20	75.85	+0.22	3.37
[illegible] Japan	163.30	172.80	-0.36	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	596.30	637.20†	+2.60	2.69
General Inc	514.50	547.40†	+2.30	2.69
UK Growth Acc	406.20	432.20†	+2.18	2.88
UK Growth Inc	270.70	288.00†	+1.50	2.88
Higher Inc Acc	752.30	800.40†	+3.80	4.30
Higher Inc Inc	418.20	445.00†	+2.00	4.10
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	197.90	209.10†	+0.90	5.79
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	91.00	98.12†	+0.38	5.79
Nth America	321.40	342.00†	+0.40	...
Europe	307.40	327.10†	+2.30	0.84
Brit Small	99.60	2575	...	2.95
Brit Pacific Acc	110.00	117.10†	+0.50	4.73
Brit Pacific Inc	77.22	81.84†	+0.85	4.73
Global Opps	82.31	88.21	-0.02	0.37
Balanced Acc	58.48	62.22†	+0.23	2.98
Balanced Inc	55.86	59.54†	+0.22	2.98
Japan Acc	43.04	45.64†	-0.48	...
Pac Basin Acc	289.29	302.60†	+2.10	0.90
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.58	135.80†	+0.30	7.49
High Inc Equity	176.40	187.90†	+0.69	4.30
Worldwide Bond	286.10	303.30	-0.20	4.82
Capital Growth				
American Growth	322.20	345.70	-1.00	0.33
Asian Pacific	304.30	325.60	+1.40	...
Assets & Earnings	292.60	311.30	+0.80	2.73
Currency & Energy	288.40	307.40	-0.92	0.12
Euro Capital Inc	145.70	155.20	+1.00	0.63
-do- Accum	155.60	166.40	+1.30	0.69
General	260.60	277.20	+0.20	3.81
Japan	114.70	122.70	-0.80	...
Midland	148.40	158.70	+0.30	1.52
US Emerging Cos	167.30	178.00	-0.40	...
Income & Growth	428.60	457.00	+1.70	2.98
Ethical	72.84	77.49	+0.04	2.81
International	120.50	128.20	...	0.76
Dividend & Growth	65.73	69.93	+0.20	4.02
Global Gwth & Spc	68.51	74.20	-0.02	2.80
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1977.00	2052.00	...	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	51.17	53.14†	+0.29	0.58
Cash	50.34	50.34†	+0.01	5.81
Emerging Mkts	66.92	70.69	-0.31	0.05
European	126.70	132.50	+1.20	...
Exempt	1013.20	1080.10†	+2.80	1.71
Extra Income #	48.69	52.08†	+0.01	6.53
Far East Exmp Eq	114.80	122.00	...	0.51
Fixed Interest #	23.26	24.42	-0.01	3.92
Fund-Inv Tst	162.80	171.30†	-0.20	0.06
Japan	179.00	187.80	-1.80	...
Latin American	49.48	53.00	-0.26	0.48
Pacific	77.48	82.84	-0.03	0.92
Property Shares	89.95	83.96	+0.01	2.74
UK Emerging Cos	69.86	73.33	+0.10	1.89
UK Growth	47.78	50.68†	+0.13	2.32
New World Port #	77.33	79.20	+0.36	2.07
Ethical	70.71	74.22	+0.11	2.87
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.28	50.28†	+0.16	7.47
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	92.75	98.72†	-0.15	...
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 258 5969				
Rapid Property	97.02	104.98	...	5.20
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVC LTD				
01452 305 358				
Amity Income	88.09	85.82†	+0.27	2.59
Income Builder Inc	74.85	79.424	+0.48	2.73
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	251.50	268.80†	+0.30	2.80
Capital	448.30	479.70†	+0.80	1.73
Balanced	747.50	798.60	+2.60	2.46
Accumulator	1400.90	1496.09†	+4.90	2.71
Income Trusts				
American Income	53.62	57.31	-0.05	3.11
High Income	415.90	444.50†	+1.10	3.47
Equity Income	234.10	250.20	+0.70	3.33
High Yield	252.80	269.79†	+0.70	3.72
Govt Securities	33.36	35.14†	+0.42	6.03
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	174.90	186.90†	-0.40	0.37
European Growth	41.60	44.38	+0.45	0.81
International	171.10	182.70	+0.10	0.18
Japan	196.90	201.52	-2.30	0.02
Pacific	383.50	409.90	...	0.81
Secs of America	497.20	529.80†	...	0.44
Worldw Asset Val	50.79	54.28	+0.60	0.22
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	584.90	608.20	+3.60	2.11
Conv & Gilt	44.28	47.26	+0.05	4.89
Smaller Cos	186.20	202.10†	...	1.48
2nd Smaller Cos	178.80	190.10†	-0.10	1.27
Recovery	151.70	162.10†	+0.30	1.52
Met Min & Cmdy	151.20	161.60†	+0.40	0.74
Oseas Earnings	386.10	406.30	+1.10	1.64
Technology	208.20	220.20†	+0.20	0.01
UK Special Sits	510.80	545.10†	+0.70	1.38
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cnrctd Dsl Pens	106.00	112.20	...	3.84
Franklin Pest Pens	65.56	69.06	...	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	74.41	78.16	-0.36	1.84
International	64.76	68.60	-1.17	...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	282.20	302.50†	-2.20	...
Bond	112.50	119.40†	-0.10	7.01
Brit Smlr Cos	111.30	118.40	...	1.66
Conv & Gilt #	69.37	73.69	+0.17	5.33
Europe	228.50	246.50	+1.90	0.84
Euro Smlr Cos	105.20	112.70	+0.70	0.62
Income Gwth	370.90	394.60†	+0.80	3.91
Japan	309.40	329.10†	+0.60	...
Latin America	67.89	71.57	-0.12	...
Pacific	104.50	111.20	-0.10	1.22
UK Smlr Cos	59.29	63.07	+0.20	1.28
Japan Fd	659.20	679.00	-6.00	...
Mngd Fd	185.50	198.60	+0.50	3.02
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	324.60	371.50	...	0.84
Capital Gwth	129.60	136.60	...	2.09
Worldw Oppor	198.20	208.70	...	0.96
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	377.50	397.80†	-0.90	2.78
European Bif Inc	92.71	95.68	+0.06	0.98
Exempt	75.38	80.55†	+0.06	4.21
Financial	86.28	89.44	+0.19	2.81
500	467.90	503.60	+0.50	2.81
General	288.00	308.40†	+0.70	2.85
Property	243.90	261.60	...	0.57
Trustee	204.10	217.70	+0.60	2.72
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†	...	6.01
Extra Income #	125.90	134.70†	+0.10	5
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.03	58.94	-0.05	8.47
Income	551.50	588.80	+0.80	3.85
Income Builder #	65.14	69.48	+0.10	5.84
Intl Income	65.16	69.32	+0.01	3.28
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	128.20	136.70	+0.20	2.34
Leisure	143.10	153.00	...	1.06
Recovery	439.50	470.10	-1.40	2.70
Smlr Cos Inc	48.15	51.53	+0.38	2.22
Special Sits	325.50	348.20	+0.80	1.49
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	148.70	158.20	...	0.30
Aust Acc	249.10	267.50	+1.40	2.23
Aust Inc	132.00	183.20	+0.90	2.23
Euro Gwth Inc	161.70	171.80	+1.60	0.77
-do- Accum	174.60	185.50	+1.70	0.77
Japan & Gen Inc	157.30	166.80	-1.40	...
-do- Accum	159.20	168.50	-1.40	...
Japan Spec Sits	72.08	76.76	-0.54	...
Unv Tech Inc	89.31	95.13	+0.51	...
Worldwide	175.10	186.90	+0.50	0.69
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	107.60	113.90	+0.59	...
Amer Smlr Cos	151.20	161.80	+1.90	...
Convertibles	56.07	59.98†	+0.27	5.78
Eastern	283.80	306.90	+0.50	0.30
Equity Income	88.86	94.28†	+0.47	4.10
European Growth	375.30	394.47	+4.00	0.87
Europe	262.00	278.50	+1.20	0.20
Eastern Growth	80.27	85.19	+0.12	0.50
Global Bond	65.44	68.28	+0.07	4.50
Global Growth	134.90	143.60	-0.40	...
Japan Growth	198.20	209.09	-1.20	...
Japan Smaller	149.20	158.60	-1.10	...
Korea Trust	80.68	85.29	+0.79	...
Portfolio	136.80	145.40	+0.29	2.30
-do- Accum	253.20	270.80	+0.38	2.30
UK Growth	86.89	93.93	+0.32	2.78
UK Smaller Cos	85.62	91.29†	+0.07	1.80
Select Managers	80.13	85.85	+0.18	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.11	84.16	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.20	58.72	...	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 228 6020				
Balanced Growth	119.48	126.94†	+0.21	1.46
-do- Accum	136.61	144.56	+0.24	1.46
Smaller Cos	121.09	128.07	+0.06	0.88
Higher Yield #	48.01	51.88†	+0.08	4.28
American Gilt Inc	80.05	84.78	-0.85	...
European Growth	146.40	154.92†	+0.86	0.52
-do- Accum	149.20	157.96	+0.88	0.52
Global Bond Inc #	37.88	39.04	+0.01	7.37
Mngd Pfolio Inc	45.48	48.02†	+0.01	1.46
-do- Accum	46.56	49.25	+0.01	1.46
Intl Spec Opps	132.40	139.05	-0.33	...
Pacific Grth	121.97	129.65	+0.46	0.20
UK General #	82.82	87.75	+0.13	3.19
-do- Accum #	86.37	91.40	+0.13	3.19
Japan	57.78	61.15	-0.44	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.43	100.97	+0.01	8.61
SUFFRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7210				
Short Dated Gilt	65.86	66.71	-0.05	6.38
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	170.20	181.16	+0.50	1.68
UK Growth	193.70	195.60	+0.37	2.15
UK Income	137.90	146.60†	+0.30	4.43
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 190				
Cap Gen Dist	209.60	222.10†	+0.89	1.78
-do- Income Dist	113.70	120.50†	+0.40	4.15
-do- Accum	358.00	379.50	+1.30	4.15
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.12	42.53	-0.25	6.45
Growth Units	221.20	235.00	-0.70	2.14
Bond	170.10	179.10	+0.20	6.57
Mid Growth	221.20	233.40	+0.40	0.48
North American	214.30	228.40	+0.49	0.38
Far East	278.50	297.90	+1.50	1.10
UK Smaller Cos	198.00	209.60	...	1.54
European	87.15	92.65	+0.64	0.71
Japanese Growth	44.50	47.73	-0.26	...
High Income	200.50	214.40†	+0.50	4.03
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	175.60	186.90†	-0.30	...
European Inc	82.68	87.76	+0.81	1.21
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.87	97.74†	+0.24	1.63
Europe	468.90	469.50	+1.40	1.97
Income & Growth #	431.50	459.10	+1.50	3.92
-do- Accum #	659.46	698.80	+2.80	3.92
Japan & Gen	65.24	69.27	-0.69	...
Minor Portfolio	£109.13	£109.72†	+30.00	2.33
-do- Accum	£128.68	£133.92	+35.00	2.33
Special Sits	109.30	116.30	-0.30	1.98
High Yield	£14.13	£14.57	+0.00	4.32

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	90.86	96.87	+0.12	2.64
American Portfolio	105.63	111.46	+0.07	1.00
European Portfolio	110.32	117.93†	+1.40	0.58
High Income	50.88	52.79	+0.27	8.20
Japanese Portfolio	64.20	68.75†	-0.27	...
Pacific Portfolio	141.84	151.88	+0.66	1.48
UK Inc & Growth	88.42	93.46†	+0.04	3.08
Utility & Bond	58.87	58.71	...	6.52
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	708.36	720.06	...	2.42
Fxd Int Sec	152.17	152.77	...	9.43
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	703.89	714.24	...	4.07
Investment Acc	830.88	837.45	...	...
Fixed Int Inc	123.55	124.05	...	8.27
Fixed Int Acc	285.62	286.44	...	...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 357 7887				
Intl Growth	117.35	123.72	-0.49	...
UK Income	118.56	126.08	-0.20	6.33
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Buckmaster Intl	86.19	90.98†	+0.26	2.67
Buck Blu-Tech	37.70	41.46	...	...
Accum Ethical Intl	164.81	172.66	...	0.74
City Fin Assets	73.77	77.47†	...	1.77
City Fin America	95.32	100.69	-0.71	...
City Fin Intl	82.49	88.61†	-1.97	1.37
City Fin Japan	145.68	152.62	-0.21	...
Fitton Thai Cap	274.52	301.16	...	2.42
Fitton Res Inc	193.25	289.40	...	4.05
Buckley Wld Gth	129.80	137.00†	-1.08	...
Falcon Cap Gth	141.85	151.57	...	...
Falconwood Intl	151.59	162.55	...	...
J Sta Wrld Gth Inc	55.24	58.65	...	2.61
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	55.93	59.34	+0.04	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	71.90	76.60	+0.51	...
Allen Mngd Gwth	39.05	42.30	+0.26	0.61
Dragon Growth	66.85	71.28	+0.35	0.98
Equity High Inc	85.65	92.64	+0.36	4.12
-do- Accum	120.30	128.90	+0.59	4.12
Extra Income Inc	25.60	28.90†	+0.01	7.83
Extra Income Acc	28.64	28.05	+0.01	7.83
European Gwth	54.95	58.46	+0.06	1.27
Evergreen	37.47	39.37	+0.16	...
General Equity	91.46	97.04	+0.33	2.59
Japan Growth	48.67	51.41	-0.59	...
Portfolio Gwth	65.21	69.35	+0.23	2.87
Pvt Sm Cos Inc	32.89	34.99	+0.03	1.65
-do- Accum	34.41	36.61	+0.05	1.65
Reliefund Inc #	26.74	28.45	+0.10	3.70
Special Sits	41.38	43.91	+0.03	2.25
UK & Overseas	52.44	55.79	+0.48	1.27
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 666 000				
Capital	73.46	78.42	+0.55	1.59
Balanced	64.17	68.74	+0.32	4.21
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	168.49	177.12†	+0.87	4.94
Fixed & Convertible	39.22	41.72†	...	6.97
Monthly Inc Plus	48.67	51.14†	+0.10	8.76
Preference Shares	45.30	48.19†	+0.07	8.08
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.86	134.11†	+0.73	4.86
Managed Fund	70.78	75.30†	+0.30	3.08
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.52	45.23	+0.07	1.30
-do- Accum	49.49	52.65	+0.01	1.80
UK & General	85.97	91.48†	+0.33	2.78
-do- Accum	110.21	117.35†	+0.41	2.78
UK Growth	159.37	169.54	+0.06	2.98
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	188.31	201.59	+1.78	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	225.97	234.07	-0.16	...
Global Bond	80.95	85.09†	-0.09	6.25
Japan Growth	111.98	119.64	-1.74	...
North Amer Gth	194.09	206.47	+1.18	...
Oriental Growth	76.76	81.68	+0.41	0.32
Worldwide Growth	67.21	71.50†	+0.19	0.87
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.71	91.71†	+0.01	6.11
Homeowner Fund	84.75	90.16	+0.28	1.68
Dolfay Fund	140.96	149.69	+0.40	2.03
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 6966				
Consistent UT	32.81	35.05	...	3.40
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	168.80	178.40†	+0.30	1.36
Income	72.32	78.94	+0.22	5.54
European	63.66	67.24	+0.19	1.15
Recovery	168.70	179.50	+0.40	2.01
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 280 9494				
Equity Dist	867.60	912.20	...	3.46
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Intl	29.66	25.36†	+0.08	1.57
Income #	259.40	274.80†	+0.90	4.32
-do- Accum #	682.50	704.70†	+2.40	4.32
Smaller Cos	199.70	208.00	...	1.89
-do- Accum	238.30	253.80	...	1.89
Inv Portfolio	87.96	93.57	+0.19	1.80
High Inc Port #	75.86	80.70	+0.34	4.42
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 418 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1592.70	1611.80	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1092.70	1104.30	...	...
UK Small Cos	1929.70	2010.80	...	...
US Small Cos	1883.50	1922.30	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	220.00	231.60	...	2.85
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 313 2500				
European Gwth	288.10	306.30	+3.60	0.69
New Asia	215.70	229.50†	+0.50	0.15
Japan Growth	108.70	115.80†	-1.59	...
Jap Smlr Co	432.90	459.10	-4.76	...
Nth Amer	318.50	336.90	-1.70	0.67
UK Inc & Gth	226.70	241.60†	+1.10	2.76
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	153.00	162.70	+0.58	1.65
UK High Inc Inc	183.80	194.80	+0.40	4.19
-do- Accum	211.10	224.50	+0.70	4.19
UK Fxd & F I Inc	58.32	61.84	+0.29	5.87
Emerald Opps	93.21	98.15	+0.34	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	59.70	63.51	+0.06	0.01
Extra Income Inc	47.93	48.65	-0.15	15.65
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 000 526				
American	141.00	149.70	+0.09	1.17
Convertibles #	21.20	22.52†	+0.06	6.22
Equity Income #	139.68	141.38†	+0.21	3.33
EuroFund	59.32	58.36	+0.44	0.37
Financial	47.73	50.71†	-0.12	1.48
Growth & Inc #	258.50	272.50	+0.70	2.83
High Dist #	168.70	177.10	+0.40	4.23
Internat'l	394.90	418.80	-0.90	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	95.34	101.80†	+0.20	2.70
Latin American	26.86	27.89	-0.04	...
Pacific	78.49	83.40†	+0.29	...
Pref High Inc	21.23	22.59†	+0.11	7.31
Tokyo	213.20	226.30†	-2.80	...
UK Smaller Cos	254.90	270.80	+0.60	1.62
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Dlgs	95.52	101.73	-0.39	1.54
Growth Acc	235.35	251.42	-0.10	0.40
Income	581.47	619.31	-5.11	5.38
Intl & General	414.58	432.55	+1.30	0.11
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7291				
Endurance Fd	212.98	226.50†	...	1.02
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	83.47	87.86	+0.50	2.84
Ethical Tst	44.32	46.65	+0.01	1.38
Far Eastern	292.35	307.77	-0.54	1.85
High Income	136.06	143.24	+0.12	4.79
Intl Growth	121.02	127.39	-0.34	0.69
North American	127.44	134.15	+0.10	1.07
Pelican	125.35	131.84†	+0.21	3.35
Smaller Cos	67.18	70.83	+0.15	2.65
Special Sits	88.23	92.98	-0.15	2.79
Tst of Inv Tsts	190.48	200.50	-0.14	1.37
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 487 5866				
Smaller Cos Inc	194.93	207.37†	+0.13	1.36
Smaller Cos Acc	344.39	367.06†	+0.22	1.36
Recovery	46.34	49.29	+0.01	1.87
Recovery Acc	50.24	53.45	+0.05	1.37
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	85.86	93.15†	-0.13	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.42	49.51	+0.08	0.58
High Income #	40.68	43.69†	-0.02	10.55
Mineral	51.24	55.70†	-0.08	...
Zero Preference	41.36	43.97	+0.02	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01275 820 787				
Family Asset Tst	81.98	87.19†	-0.14	3.08
Family Income Tst	44.46	44.46†	+0.198	5.68
Family Trust	36.46	36.28†	+0.110	2.01
United Charities	285.80	283.90†	+0.600	4.74
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	6.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.26	27.35†	+0.05	7.21
Intl Bond	29.13	30.21†	-0.04	5.54
Income Funds				
High Income	24.73	26.99†	+0.05	5.55
Income Plus	117.50	125.00	+0.50	4.24
Amer Eq Inc	35.70	36.88	+0.25	1.35
European Income	44.45	47.26	+0.27	2.43
Far East Inc	65.39	69.48	-0.50	2.37
Global Convertible	23.77	25.27†	-0.03	2.75
UK Div Gth	27.23	28.58	+0.08	2.24
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.07	65.04†	-0.20	...
American	278.40	295.20	+1.00	...
Amer Spec Sits	149.63	159.80	+0.10	...
Japan Smaller Cos	34.85	37.21	-0.40	...
European	194.30	206.60†	+0.70	...
European Opps	69.70	73.05	+0.15	...
Global PEP	27.34	29.07	-0.02	...
UK Growth	102.50	109.50	-1.00	...
Growth & Inc	155.30	165.20	+0.20	2.83
Intl PEP	41.69	44.33	+0.11	...
Japan Spec Sits	82.82	88.26	-0.91	...
Japan	178.40	190.00	-1.89	...
Managed Intl	318.80	338.10	+0.60	...
Moneybuilder	58.05	61.73	-0.01	...
Recovery	48.91	51.87	+0.03	...
South E Asia	162.70	173.00†	+0.60	...
Special Sits	582.60	630.10	-1.10	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.51	111.51	+0.02	6.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	139.30	142.00†	-1.30	2.30
Inc Pfolio #	88.24	90.92	+0.44	3.62
Cap Pfolio	148.40	151.62	+0.20	1.49
General Opps	127.70	124.40†	-0.08	3.59
Growth Inc	32.98	33.60	+0.14	1.17
Private Portfolio	438.10	443.30	-3.30	1.65
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGMT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	120.60	127.80	+1.80	0.87
Emerg Asian	163.10	183.70†	+0.50	...
High Income	20.98	22.31†	+0.11	10.09
UK Growth	115.10	123.30	+0.30	2.48
UK Income	197.60	214.20	+0.50	4.36
US Smaller Cos	358.00	382.66†	-3.10	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Inv Tst Inc	75.50	80.44†	-0.01	4.23
Investment Trust	97.85	102.89†	+0.02	...
UK Smaller Cos	93.45	98.26	-0.08	0.97

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	68.94	72.49	+0.18	...
-do- Accum	69.04	72.49	+0.18	...
Amer Smlr Cos	579.80	619.90	+3.20	...
-do- Accum	592.10	632.90	+3.20	...
Capital Tst	393.10	394.20†	+0.80	1.52
-do- Accum	483.80	514.50†	+1.30	1.52
Cont'l Smlr Cos	58.56	62.68	-0.42	0.65
-do- Accum	62.21	68.33	-0.45	0.66
Convertible	131.50	139.90	+0.50	5.36
-do- Accum	271.20	288.50	+0.69	5.36
Emerging Markets	65.12	68.55	-0.67	...
-do- Accum	65.17	69.52	-0.67	...
European	125.80	132.60	+1.30	0.43
-do- Accum	131.50	139.50	+1.30	0.43
Extra Income	266.40	281.20	+0.80	3.84
-do- Accum	550.40	585.30	+1.20	3.84
Financial	149.70	150.80†	...	0.72
-do- Accum	149.80	159.70	...	0.72
Gilt Yield	61.50	63.42†	+0.72	6.33
-do- Accum	90.57	95.40†	+1.06	6.33
Health Fund Inc	191.20	204.20	-2.80	...
-do- Accum	191.20	204.20	-2.80	...
Income & Growth	267.30	220.50	+0.40	3.59
-do- Accum	317.90	338.20	+0.70	3.59
Intl Growth	391.90	418.50†	+0.20	...
-do- Accum	436.10	464.70†	+0.20	...
Japan & Gen	176.00	187.50	-1.80	...
-do- Accum	177.80	189.40	-1.50	...
Monthly Inc	177.40	188.80†	+0.40	3.65
Managed Pen Inc	111.90	117.20†	+0.20	2.03
-do- Accum	118.50	126.80	+0.20	2.03
Quarterly Income	53.41	57.25	+0.21	4.46
-do- Accum	58.65	62.60	+0.26	4.46
Recovery	347.30	371.30	-0.76	0.16
-do- Accum	410.00	438.40	-0.70	0.16
UK Growth	59.73	62.85	+0.32	2.43
-do- Accum	62.50	66.62	+0.33	2.43
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01793 881300 Enq 01793 881340				
FP American	51.32	54.59	+0.12	0.56
FP Am Smlr Cos	158.00	168.40	+0.30	...
FP Asian Growth	258.40	274.20	+0.70	...
FP Australian	336.90	361.40	+1.00	...
FP Equity Dist	409.60	434.80	+0.80	2.65
-do- Accum	875.10	930.90	+1.70	2.65
FP Euro Gth	232.10	246.90	+1.80	0.27
-do- Accum	252.90	269.40	+2.30	0.21
FP Intl Bond	59.18	62.80	+0.01	4.79
FP Intl Gth Dist	33.94	36.22	+0.02	0.52
-do- Accum	48.22	52.54	+0.05	0.52
FP Pac Basin Acc	202.90	218.80	-0.80	...
FP Income	58.35	60.11	+0.30	4.81
-do- Accum	185.80	198.20	+0.80	4.81
FP Jap Smlr Cos	298.90	318.90	-1.90	...
FP Monthly Dist	71.84	76.87†	+0.18	5.85
FP Stg Deposit	100.30	100.30†	...	6.25
FP Tokyo	78.83	84.19	-0.80	...
FP UK Focus	37.01	39.79†	+0.04	2.77
FP UK Growth	181.80	193.00	+0.70	2.75
-do- Accum	355.40	378.00	+1.60	2.75
Stewardship Dist	365.30	388.40	+0.70	1.88
-do- Accum	451.20	479.80	+0.80	1.88
Stwdship Inc Dist	74.73	79.59	+0.10	3.97
-do- Accum	98.81	104.30	+0.15	3.97
N Am Stshp Dist	109.70	116.60	-0.50	0.80
-do- Accum	117.10	124.50	-0.60	0.80
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grwth Acc	112.60	120.00	-0.30	1.11
Opps Cap Gth Acc	117.50	125.00	-0.30	0.11
Cap Gth Inc Inc	108.90	115.80	-0.20	2.22
Cap Gth Inc Acc	112.70	119.80	-0.20	2.22
Opp Cp Gth Ic Ic	114.40	121.60	...	3.30
Opp Cp Gth Ic Ac	118.00	126.30	...	3.30
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 1607				
GAMDA	258.70	274.60	+0.50	2.24
Cash	49.77	50.51	...	5.27
Growth Portfolio	79.63	84.41	...	0.87
Income Portfolio	65.22	68.97	+0.01	4.47
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	205.70	220.60	-1.80	1.54
Dividend	92.18	98.50	+0.58	3.80
Intl Gth & Inc	230.70	248.70	+0.70	3.12
UK & Gen	47.23	50.51	+0.17	2.06
Fund of Funds	67.41	72.10†	-0.30	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
Amer Spec Sits	207.60	222.10	-0.20	...
European	617.00	659.70	+3.20	0.29
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	48.84	52.99†	+0.10	5.12
-do- Accum	54.24	57.67	+0.11	5.12
Far East & Gen	253.20	270.80	-0.70	...
Germany	122.40	129.50†	+0.20	...
High Yield #	48.65	51.43	+0.57	8.28
-do- Accum #	50.26	53.16	+0.35	8.28
Income Inc	165.50	177.00	+0.50	4.44
-do- Accum	182.60	195.30	+0.60	4.44
International	344.30	367.90	+0.60	...
Intl Income	76.86	82.02	+0.30	3.32
Japan & General	419.80	445.70	-1.80	...
Korean Securities	70.87	75.80	+0.27	...
Orient Acc	138.10	145.80	+0.10	0.24
Smlr Cos Div Inc	45.77	48.96	+0.07	4.12
-do- Accum	50.54	54.05	+0.08	4.12
UK Capital Inc	170.40	181.90	+1.90	1.49
UK Capital Acc	318.30	339.30	+2.20	1.49
UK Spec Sits	91.35	97.71†	-0.03	1.32
US & General	162.20	172.50	...	...
Wrldw Spec Sits	140.60	150.20	+0.30	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	54.15	57.92	+0.26	1.83
Cash Trust	140.53	140.53	+0.02	6.01
Practical Inv Inc #	118.24	124.32†	...	2.75
-do- Accum #	272.80	281.70†	...	2.75
UK Index	161.97	162.78	+0.66	2.85
UK Smaller Cos	143.64	153.64†	+0.15	0.80
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	23.60	24.48†	+0.08	8.54
High Income	38.69	38.23	+0.21	5.22
UK Equity Income	145.11	155.26	+0.57	2.81
Global Bond	28.69	30.70†	...	5.14
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	43.57	46.60	-0.17	...
Global Managed	137.06	145.97†	+0.28	1.51
Gold & Intl Res	98.57	105.42	+0.35	...
Global Utilities	138.98	148.43	+0.78	1.47
Overseas Funds				
American	169.86	181.21	+0.32	0.88
European	114.15	121.14	+1.27	0.97
Euro Sel Opps	171.20	181.09	+1.74	...
Amer Emerging	135.65	145.31	+0.59	...
Hong Kong	143.83	153.65	+0.75	1.97
Japan	224.87	243.80	-2.94	...
Pacific Growth	212.57	227.35	+1.47	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	239.58	250.58†	+1.07	2.13
Long Term Bal	251.65	261.65†	+1.09	3.12
Mid Term Bal	210.71	218.71†	+0.85	3.30
UK Equity	268.74	268.74	-2.95	2.55
UK Emerging Cos	155.26	155.26	+0.08	2.02
American	274.82	274.82†	+1.14	1.34
Japan	120.22	120.22	-0.58	...
European	298.62	298.62†	+3.45	0.98
Index Linked Gilt	178.72	178.72	+0.80	2.74
Fixed Interest	183.36	183.36	+1.10	6.59
Amer Emerging	326.92	326.92†	+0.69	...
Pacific	237.82	237.82	+0.85	0.74
Emerging Mkts	117.28	117.28	-0.46	0.75
Index Stat Japan	143.41	143.41	-1.74	0.21
-do- Pacific Bsn	183.40	183.40	+0.78	1.42
-do- Cont Europe	169.58	169.58	+1.42	2.02
Index Stat USA	158.43	158.43	+0.46	1.98
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	108.60	115.60	+0.54	...
Mid Term Bal	100.21	106.61	+0.44	...
Long Term Bal	113.09	120.31	+0.52	...
UK Equity	122.51	130.33	+0.58	...
UK Emerging Cos	72.78	77.43	+0.04	...
American	127.16	135.27	+0.56	...
Japan	57.58	61.26	-0.30	...
European	124.14	132.06	+1.59	...
Fixed Interest	83.04	88.34	+0.55	...
Index Linked Gilt	79.59	83.52	+0.43	...
Deposit	83.18	88.47	+0.01	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
BNH Intl	147.92	155.71	-0.41	0.65
Brdfld Gth Port Inc	67.08	70.60	-0.03	0.89
-do- Inc Port Inc	58.63	61.86	+0.06	3.40
-do- Wrldw Port	55.77	58.85	-0.28	0.10
Shaw Utilities	66.65	70.34	+0.13	2.56
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stig & Intl Inc	586.90	608.13	...	2.32
-do- Accum	654.80	689.38	...	2.32
European Inc	156.67	166.45	...	1.28
Amalgam Inc	152.06	161.05	...	...
N America Inc	347.57	369.75	...	0.71
Far East Inc	365.10	388.41	...	...
-do- Accum	378.14	402.28	...	...
UK Diversified Inc	187.88	199.87	+3.74	3.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	97.52	104.34†	+0.41	4.59
UK Small Cos	59.59	63.51†	+0.08	0.94
British Growth	62.96	66.38	+0.35	2.78
American Gwth	221.76	237.17	+0.88	...
Japan Gwth	65.84	69.49	-0.87	...
Greater China	181.71	194.34	+0.48	0.41
Pacific Strategy	149.58	159.97	-0.11	0.17
European Gwth	93.40	99.81†	+0.40	0.74
Intl Growth	157.07	167.98	-0.86	...
US Index (£)	15.7240	16.5677	-0.0161	4.80
FT-SE Mid 250 Intl	80.44	86.83	+0.11	2.34
Monthly Income	40.36	43.04†	+0.19	8.80
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 0171 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	12.6879	13.2847	+0.1031	4.99
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.65	101.78	...	1.50
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 0000				
European	513.40	549.60	+1.20	0.50
Gilt & Fixed	125.90	133.50	+0.10	5.68
Growth Equity	372.50	397.90	+0.76	1.55
Income Trust	144.00	153.80	+0.79	3.22
International	191.90	205.00†	-0.10	0.19
Japan Trust	122.90	131.20	-1.10	...
Nth American	387.80	409.60†	-0.70	...
Pacific	538.50	575.30†	+0.90	0.13
Guardbill	558.90	597.10	+1.50	1.66
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
GAM Trust	104.82	108.82	-0.25	0.87
Global High Inc	100.25	104.18	-0.20	6.70
Corporate Bond	101.82	105.48†	...	6.72
Eqty & Bond Inc	107.15	113.94†	+0.70	4.80
European Growth	110.65	117.69	+1.50	...
Intl PEP Trust	64.22	68.28	+0.70	...
Equity Inc	130.61	138.87	+2.10	3.75
-do- Accum	183.53	195.14	+2.93	3.75
Recovery	357.80	380.30†	-1.50	1.96
-do- Accum	419.10	445.50	-1.80	1.96
St Vinc High Inc	128.93	136.85	+3.98	6.71
UK Emerg Cos	264.70	281.40	...	2.63
UK Smlr Cos	377.60	394.50	-0.40	2.64
Stnls Priv Tst	93.92	99.88†	+0.50	1.46
-do- Accum	95.80	101.86	+0.52	1.46
Inc Stone Tst	80.97	85.66	+0.09	7.78
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5850				
Growth	28.59	30.79	+0.04	1.90
Growth Acc	29.32	31.80	+0.05	1.90
Income	28.37	30.30†	+0.11	3.97
Income Acc	29.94	31.74	+0.12	3.91
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	217.40	228.20	+0.80	2.51
Smaller Cos	33.34	35.47	-0.03	1.85
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 266 266 Dealing: 01277 264 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	330.81	353.86	+1.81	1.42
Best of British	67.98	71.30	+0.31	2.73
UK Smaller Cos	137.24	147.53	+0.47	1.76
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	289.86	308.71	+0.87	3.62
-do- Accum #	792.14	843.59	+1.84	3.62
High Income	327.15	349.78†	+0.51	4.25
Extra Income #	289.14	304.30†	+1.16	5.80
Pref & Bond	46.84	49.41†	+0.02	8.50
International				
International	287.17	305.08†	+0.37	0.36
Global Bond	34.33	37.69†	+0.17	6.13
Intl Port Tst	88.87	95.84	-0.10	0.62
Global Tech	231.35	248.79	+0.82	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	176.31	188.54	-0.87	0.65
European	522.76	554.12†	+5.08	0.73
European Income #	83.42	88.25	+0.49	1.57

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	162.18	173.69†	-0.23	0.85
Eur Sp Sits	77.67	82.97†	+0.71	1.03
-do- Accum	83.20	88.87	+0.75	1.03
Japan Trust	212.02	226.16	-1.05	...
Japan Special Sits	209.30	223.65†	-0.88	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	237.87	243.81†	-0.46	...
North American	266.56	282.97	+1.04	0.26
American Smaller	131.39	140.98†	-0.41	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	108.71	113.83	+0.42	1.93
Capital	186.66	194.43	+0.51	1.41
Dollar	424.44	444.44†	+0.49	...
Enterprise Gth	352.81	375.70	+0.42	1.34
European	243.44	254.91	+2.56	0.46
Far East	307.17	321.65	+1.30	...
Financial	316.07	332.65†	+4.23	1.73
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.34	25.35†	+0.08	7.82
High Yield	107.41	112.47	+0.53	3.78
Income & Growth	153.85	161.11	+0.84	3.06
International	272.60	285.45	+0.42	...
Japanese General	204.49	214.13	-1.41	...
Japan Tech	89.18	93.38	-1.05	...
Nat Resources	73.94	77.43†	+0.73	...
Portfolio	77.59	81.60†	+0.06	1.38
Smaller Cos	141.90	148.59†	+0.17	1.23
Special Sits	171.71	179.80	+0.94	1.15
UK Emerging Cos	163.32	168.19	+0.21	0.92
US Smaller Cos	115.82	121.36	-0.42	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	368.60	373.80†	+0.50	5.92
Capital	648.90	690.40†	+2.80	2.23
Income #	604.50	645.10	+3.40	5.19
Footsie Fund	58.22	58.52	+0.05	2.77
Stock Index	113.60	121.20	+0.10	2.07
UK Index	150.20	160.30	+0.60	2.88
International Funds				
American Growth	530.20	564.00	-4.10	0.38
American Index	236.90	259.50	+0.70	1.23
European Growth	120.30	128.20	+1.70	0.16
Eurotrack 100	171.80	182.50	+1.50	1.06
Global Bond	22.29	23.53	-0.02	5.26
Japan Growth	275.50	293.80	-3.40	...
Japan Index	78.14	81.26	-0.91	0.20
Japan Smlr Cos	30.48	32.53	-0.31	...
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	58.68	62.63	+0.06	0.20
Hong Kong Gwth	113.40	121.00	+0.70	1.31
Singa & Mlysn Gth	73.52	78.57	+0.26	...
Tiger Index	198.70	212.10†	+0.90	1.86
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	38.06	39.56	+0.02	1.05
General Funds				
Managed	78.52	81.62	+0.15	1.15
Rapid Child Fnd	92.26	95.90	+0.56	2.30
UK Growth	65.00	67.57	+0.38	2.29
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	83.13	86.41	+0.54	8.67
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.29	27.13†	+0.05	8.40
UK Inc & Gwth	42.88	44.57†	+0.26	3.50
UK Income	339.58	352.90†	+2.29	4.38
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	54.61	56.64†	-0.02	0.38
Amer Smlr Cos	129.60	134.70	...	...
-do- Accum	131.00	136.20	...	...
Europa Gth	181.32	188.39	+1.10	...
-do- Accum	188.08	195.00	+1.00	...
Euro Smaller Cos	33.44	34.78†	-0.08	...
French Growth	79.04	82.16	+0.61	0.28
-do- Accum	84.79	88.14	+0.66	0.28
H Kong & China	83.91	87.22	+0.58	1.35
Intl Growth	60.79	63.19†	+0.14	0.54
-do- Accum	81.63	84.86†	+0.14	0.54
Japan Gth	30.94	32.16	-0.31	...
-do- Accum	30.94	32.16	-0.31	...
Japan Smaller Cos	38.10	39.60†	-0.52	...
Glob Emg Mkts	93.17	96.85	-0.20	...
-do- Accum	93.83	97.54	-0.19	...
SE Asia	318.30	330.90	+0.50	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.59	57.27†	...	5.93
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	188.90	200.50	-0.60	...
Income	181.76	193.36	+0.95	3.15
UK Growth	69.02	73.42	+0.06	0.46
International	80.50	86.05	+0.32	0.07
Ecology	89.90	95.64†	+0.29	1.12
European	141.86	151.82	+0.75	...
Far Eastern	297.70	316.80	-0.40	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	98.75	100.10	...	7.68
Gilt Yield	116.70	122.10†	...	6.96



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Global Income	214.80	228.50	...	3.70
High Yield	142.60	151.70†	...	5.89
-do- Accum	450.00	478.70†	...	5.89
Smlr Cos Div	55.75	59.31	...	2.85
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	113.90	121.20	...	...
Asian Growth	313.60	333.80†	...	0.25
-do- Accum	368.90	392.40†	...	0.25
North American	90.06	95.81	...	0.25
European Special	117.60	125.10	...	0.10
European	158.60	168.70	...	0.46
-do- Accum	209.00	222.30	...	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	109.50	116.30†	...	2.22
Japan	402.20	427.90	...	...
Japanese Special	227.80	242.30	...	...
Smaller Cos	120.10	127.80	...	1.18
UK Equity Growth	42.75	45.48	...	1.82
UK Index Inc	304.30	307.40	...	3.74
Bedrock Tst	98.16	105.70	...	2.84
-do- Accum	98.18	105.70	...	2.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	271.53	289.86†	+1.34	5.32
Inc & Growth Inc	58.59	62.01	+0.15	4.40
Smaller Cos	65.36	69.53†	...	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 523				
Growth Trust	267.16	284.10	+0.98	1.89
High Income	110.80	117.80	+0.70	4.44
International	100.60	107.00	-0.20	0.59
Recovery Trust	71.01	75.54	+0.11	1.47
European Trust	80.17	85.29†	+0.58	0.89
Japanese Trust	40.46	43.05	-0.49	...
American Trust	98.54	104.80†	+0.20	...
Managed	68.44	72.80†	-0.05	0.67
Cash	51.11	51.11	...	4.94
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	402.70	427.30	+1.80	2.40
UK Inc/Gth	430.20	456.40	+1.50	3.06
UK Income	302.70	321.20	+1.40	3.74
UK Sm Cos	262.20	280.40	+0.30	1.76
Euro Gwth	140.00	149.10	+1.70	...
N Amer Gwth	102.70	109.00	+0.50	0.22
Japan Growth	62.08	65.68	-0.72	...
Money Mkt	127.355	127.355	...	0.800
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	518.60	551.70	+2.70	2.84
-do- Accum	£10.46	£11.13	+5.00	2.65
Equity Income #	102.40	108.90	+0.78	4.37
UK Tactical Allocn	61.22	65.01†	+0.42	4.34
European	123.20	133.20	+1.30	1.67
Far Eastern	213.80	227.40†	-0.40	...
Fixed Interest	51.73	55.03†	+0.23	7.47
Gilt	87.96	93.28†	+0.59	6.58
Global Growth	75.86	80.49	+0.03	0.36
Intl Bond	53.79	57.13	-0.11	4.71
Japanese	72.83	77.48	-0.81	...
North American	171.00	181.90	+0.78	0.42
Pacific Growth	106.30	113.19†	+0.20	0.21
UK Index	68.08	71.85†	+0.27	3.12
UK Recovery	181.30	187.00†	+0.60	1.58
UK Smaller Cos	137.80	146.68	+0.20	1.47
US Index	71.48	75.45	+0.22	1.47
European Index	80.24	84.69	...	2.17
Japan Index	39.24	41.41	-0.49	...
Worldwide	88.94	94.62	+0.22	1.56
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 903 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 821				
Growth	52.92	56.60	+0.23	2.03
Income	61.58	65.86	+0.44	3.69
Far East	51.91	55.52	-0.24	...
North American	124.10	132.60	-0.40	...
Global	102.70	109.87	-0.46	0.36
European	88.66	94.87	-0.11	0.73
Japan	108.90	107.59†	-1.19	...
Intl Currency Bd	88.68	94.34†	-0.01	4.33
SE Asia	98.44	106.40	+0.50	...
UK Cap Growth	95.80	102.50†	+0.50	1.51
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 399 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	370.00	393.70	+1.40	2.69
-do- Accum	852.50	907.00	+3.30	2.69
Conti Euro Gth	67.53	71.09	+0.75	1.40
-do- Accum	72.16	75.96	+0.80	1.40
Extra Inc	273.30	290.80	+4.30	4.08
-do- Accum	722.80	768.10	+11.30	4.09
FTSE 100 Inc	108.50	115.00	+0.30	2.52
FTSE 100 Acc	110.50	118.00	+0.30	2.52
German Gth	132.10	139.10	-0.30	...
-do- Accum	136.60	145.90	-0.30	...
Growth Port	592.70	630.60	+2.50	0.10
-do- Accum	610.30	649.30	+1.90	0.10
High Interest Inc	94.12	97.54	-0.04	7.69
High Interest Acc	94.12	97.54	-0.04	7.69
Hi Reserve Inc #	103.80	110.50	+0.10	6.51
Hi Reserve Acc #	106.50	113.30	+0.10	6.51
Income	513.10	545.80†	+1.30	3.57
-do- Accum	£14.25	£15.15	+3.00	3.57
Income Port	529.08	562.80†	-3.10	4.69

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	576.60	613.50	-3.30	4.63
Japan Growth	108.90	117.80	-1.30	...
-do- Accum	107.20	114.10	-1.40	...
Master Trust	61.03	64.93	+0.18	1.28
-do- Accum	69.32	73.78	+0.20	1.29
N American Cos	208.10	221.45	-0.87	0.72
-do- Accum	240.70	256.10	-0.90	0.72
Nthn Sm Co Rec	163.60	173.50	...	...
-do- Accum	165.90	177.00	-0.10	...
Pacific Basin	252.80	269.00	-7.80	0.50
-do- Accum	269.60	286.80	-8.30	0.50
Small Cos Rec	421.60	443.80	+0.60	1.90
-do- Accum	569.00	599.00	+0.80	1.90
UK Growth	92.49	98.40	+0.45	2.19
-do- Accum	113.90	121.20	+0.50	2.19
Worldwide Bnd	327.40	348.30	+0.40	...
-do- Accum	483.00	513.90	+0.80	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	75.98	81.43	+0.22	0.42
General	95.57	103.61	-0.12	2.42
Income	68.32	73.30†	+0.23	5.20
International	67.60	72.53	-0.09	0.50
Japan	56.07	60.16	-0.33	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.23	75.35†	+0.11	1.32
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Aves & General	449.80	474.80	...	0.41
-do- Accum	560.50	592.70	...	0.41
Amer Recovery	497.90	526.50†	-2.33	0.46
-do- Accum	573.70	606.60†	-2.70	0.46
Amer Smlr Cos	140.10	148.20	-0.22	...
-do- Accum	143.30	151.40	-0.20	...
Australasian	155.10	164.60	-0.30	2.48
-do- Accum	191.40	202.40	-0.40	2.48
Capital	885.60	947.10	+1.00	2.77
-do- Accum	1038.70	1098.50	+1.30	2.77
Charifund	737.40	744.80	+1.30	5.77
-do- Accum	3653.30	3698.80	+9.10	5.77
Commodity	390.00	412.40	+0.50	0.55
-do- Accum	674.30	687.40	+0.70	0.55
Compound Gth	1023.80	1082.70†	+3.30	2.86
-do- Accum	1107.50	1164.90†	+2.50	2.86
Dividend	43.60	46.10	...	4.26
-do- Accum	185.90	196.80	-0.30	4.26
Equity Income	348.50	368.50	+0.20	4.83
-do- Accum	462.50	489.10	+0.30	4.83
Euro & General	535.30	566.10	-2.10	1.25
-do- Accum	682.50	721.50	+2.60	1.25
Euro Dividend	73.60	77.80	-0.10	3.94
-do- Accum	90.70	95.90	+0.10	3.54
Extra Yield	437.00	462.10†	+1.50	4.87
-do- Accum	1415.30	1496.90†	+4.90	4.87
Far Eastern	341.00	360.60	-1.30	0.61
-do- Accum	454.80	481.00	-2.40	0.61
Fund of Inv Tsts	643.90	683.90	+0.60	1.87
-do- Accum	1214.80	1284.70	+1.10	1.87
General	64.89	68.50	+0.20	2.84
-do- Accum	184.80	195.30	+0.50	2.84
Gilt Income	59.30	59.39	-0.08	7.40
-do- Accum	169.68	189.92	-0.23	7.40
Gold	63.30	66.90	-0.40	0.57
-do- Accum	75.10	79.40	-0.40	0.97
High Income	30.90	32.70	...	4.59
-do- Accum	126.80	134.40	-0.20	4.59
Intl Growth	81.10	85.80	...	0.90
-do- Accum	142.60	150.80	...	0.90
International Inc	101.40	107.20†	...	4.17
-do- Accum	156.70	165.70†	...	4.17
Japan & Gen	40.50	42.80	-0.48	...
-do- Accum	43.50	45.90	-0.50	...
Japan Smlr Cos	142.80	151.00†	-1.30	...
-do- Accum	143.80	152.10†	-1.20	...
Managed Gwth	25.08	35.40	...	1.76
Managed Income	28.60	30.08†	+0.10	4.13
Midland	61.30	64.80†	-0.30	3.31
-do- Accum	218.40	222.50†	-1.10	3.31
Pension Ex	1011.10	1036.40	+0.30	4.22
Recovery	44.80	47.40	+0.10	2.60
-do- Accum	74.60	79.00	+0.10	2.60
Second General	72.60	76.80	-0.10	3.70
-do- Accum	190.80	201.90	-0.20	3.70
Smaller Cos	71.90	76.00	...	3.09
-do- Accum	145.00	153.30	+0.10	3.09
Sterling Hi Int	24.31	24.41†	-0.01	8.18
Treasury	25.07	25.11†	+0.01	6.36
Trustee	42.40	44.80†	+0.10	4.47
-do- Accum	177.30	187.70†	+0.50	4.47
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 610 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.74	91.21†	+0.68	1.41
Intl Bond	66.31	69.66	+0.12	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	77.22	82.03	+0.12	0.67
N Amer Growth	113.66	120.73†	+0.43	0.90
Special Sits Growth	23.39	24.89†	...	3.23
UK Growth	404.83	430.66†	+0.68	2.77
-do- Accum	542.16	576.78	+0.89	2.77
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01628 825 867				
Balanced Fd #	1417.40	1443.50	...	3.00
Income #	1015.60	1039.40	...	4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	155.80	159.60	...	3.79
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 068				
M & S Inv Pfolio	163.70	172.30	+0.17	2.12
-do- Accum	190.40	200.40	+0.17	2.12
UK Sel Pfolio	143.30	150.90	+0.20	2.45
-do- Accum	168.60	177.50	+0.20	2.45
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	70.43	74.92†	...	3.69
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	76.11	80.80†	+0.23	4.14
European	88.79	94.26	+0.14	1.21
Income #	78.40	83.23	+0.23	4.87
Nth American	75.54	80.19	+0.11	0.58
Far East	165.78	175.90	+0.10	0.10
Japan	57.94	61.51	-0.41	...
Emrging Mkts	85.12	91.04	-0.23	0.02
Intl Growth	115.50	122.60†	...	0.92
UK Growth	106.86	113.40	+0.50	1.62
UK Smlr Co	51.48	54.65	+0.03	1.35
Asian Opps Fd	36.64	38.19	-0.04	0.08
Glob Gwth PEP	54.08	57.40†	+0.21	0.49
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	438.97	466.98†	+2.02	3.80
Global Inc	72.01	76.61†	+0.67	3.65
Brit Leaders	376.55	400.59†	+1.58	1.75
Intl Leaders	210.01	223.41†	+0.98	1.39
PAM Mg Bal Gth	68.24	69.02†	-0.17	0.76
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	226.00	239.50	...	...
-do- Accum	247.50	253.80	...	...
American Opps	108.20	115.40†	...	...
-do- Accum	109.50	116.80†	...	...
British Blue Chip	84.89	90.15†	...	2.67
-do- Accum	107.40	114.08†	...	2.67
Cash	181.30	181.30	...	6.43
-do- Accum	142.20	142.20	...	6.43
Emerging Mkts	105.90	113.90	...	0.13
-do- Accum	108.50	114.50	...	0.13
European Growth	264.40	280.60	...	0.16
-do- Accum	286.90	304.50	...	0.16
European Income	86.38	91.53	...	3.74
-do- Accum	120.00	127.10	...	3.14
General	541.20	575.90†	...	2.15
-do- Accum	1080.80	1148.00†	...	2.15
Global Bond	128.56	136.10†	...	5.42
-do- Accum	163.20	171.50†	...	5.42
Gold & General	199.00	214.00	...	0.42
-do- Accum	205.50	221.60	...	0.42
Govt Securities	92.11	94.86	...	6.18
-do- Accum	183.70	188.40	...	6.18
High Yield Bd	98.68	102.16	...	7.17
-do- Accum	98.68	102.10	...	7.17
Income	165.00	175.20	...	4.05
-do- Accum	254.00	280.30	...	4.05
Inc Portfolio #	102.58	108.70†	...	4.83
-do- Accum #	107.10	113.60†	...	4.83
Intl Opps	485.10	517.40	...	0.17
-do- Accum	650.00	693.30	...	0.17
Japan	168.20	178.40	...	...
-do- Accum	170.80	181.10	...	...
New Europe	194.20	207.10	...	0.97
-do- Accum	200.20	213.50	...	0.97
Pacific	111.90	118.40	...	0.85
-do- Accum	120.20	128.20	...	0.85
Recovery	327.20	348.00†	...	0.74
-do- Accum	424.30	452.90†	...	0.74
UK Smaller Cos	57.78	61.93†	...	0.84
-do- Accum	65.97	70.37†	...	0.84
Portfolio	85.22	90.44†	...	2.55
-do- Accum	102.60	109.00†	...	2.55
Managed Gth	105.50	110.40	...	1.72
Managed Inc	109.90	114.30	...	3.94
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Evergrowth Plus	124.97	132.95	+0.28	0.18
Portfolio	71.28	75.81	+0.25	1.58
UK Income Inc	81.81	87.03	+0.45	5.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	83.98	85.93†	+0.14	2.82
-do- Accum	68.24	71.45†	+0.15	2.82
British Tst	94.43	98.86	+0.45	1.92
-do- Accum	110.80	116.00	+0.60	1.92
Extra High Inc	68.27	71.49†	+0.17	6.69
-do- Accum	137.90	144.39†	+0.30	6.69
FT-SE 100 Acc	82.98	83.85	+0.31	2.59
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.14	61.93	+0.30	2.59
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.69	57.12	+0.38	7.25
-do- Accum	165.40	172.10	+1.10	7.25
High Yield	229.40	240.20	+0.70	5.80
-do- Accum	598.80	617.50	+1.60	5.80
Income	299.00	313.10	+2.00	3.86
-do- Accum	672.40	704.00	+4.40	3.86
Money Market UT	49.69	49.69	...	5.49
-do- Accum	79.74	79.74	...	5.49
Monthly Income	87.61	91.95†	+0.42	4.91
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	115.80	123.20	+0.60	1.59
European Growth	108.50	115.00	-1.40	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	80.90	86.82	+0.62	5.75
Income	91.50	97.44	+0.65	2.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	50.46	53.49	-0.24	...
Managed	74.62	79.39	+0.00	2.21
Money Market	90.06	95.47	+0.01	4.21
North American	98.88	104.80	-0.30	0.43
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	105.00	111.70	+0.59	1.50
European Growth	102.00	108.10	-1.30	0.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	86.33	91.58	+0.59	5.74
Income	89.84	95.57	+0.63	2.69
Japan Growth	50.24	53.25	-0.24	...
Managed	71.33	75.88	+0.06	2.19
Money Market	83.11	88.10	+0.01	4.17
North American	89.46	94.83	-0.22	0.51
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.80	111.50	+0.60	1.57
European Growth	99.59	105.60	-1.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Inc	79.60	84.43	+0.53	5.65
Income	88.35	92.98	+0.65	2.72
Japan Growth	51.37	54.45	-0.25	...
Managed	74.12	78.85	+0.17	2.20
Money Market	77.48	82.11	...	4.24
North American	99.95	105.90	-0.30	0.40
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Intercontinental (US$)	14.47	15.46	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	416.70	442.40	+2.50	...
European Gth Inc	580.70	623.20	+5.30	...
-do- Accum	587.80	630.00	+5.40	...
Intl Gwth	206.70	220.90	-0.20	...
UK Equity Inc	202.90	215.90†	+0.50	2.97
UK Eq Tsts Inc	174.20	186.20	+0.40	2.69
-do- Accum	208.60	224.00	+0.40	2.69
US Eq Ind Tk Inc	225.70	249.70†	+0.20	1.10
Japan Trackers	72.03	76.27	-0.74	...
Asian Tracker	207.70	224.70†	+0.20	0.29
Managed Inc	169.40	180.90	+0.40	2.14
Deposit Inc	99.94	99.94†	+0.01	5.78
Europa	237.90	258.60	+1.90	...
Generic	177.80	192.80	+0.20	1.67
High Income	21.25	22.53†	+0.01	10.80
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
American	99.88	102.10†	...	2.50
American Inc	92.42	94.45†	...	2.50
American Reserve	87.50	88.37†	...	8.19
-do- Inc	71.71	72.43†	...	8.19
American Growth	58.54	60.32	...	...
Cash Income	50.01	50.01	...	5.99
Equity Income #	98.80	101.46†	...	4.79
European	73.87	75.35†	...	0.57
Smaller Cos	85.40	89.44	...	1.29
Wwide Eqty	67.63	68.23	...	0.40
Global Bond	45.39	45.90	...	6.54
UK Growth	101.50	104.20	...	2.07
Pacific Growth	107.90	111.90	...	0.59
Japan Growth	100.00	101.78	...	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	131.84	140.26	+0.46	2.57
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	79.41	84.48	+0.27	2.14
UK Income	116.12	123.53	+0.59	3.89
Higher Income	219.86	233.89	+3.52	5.26
Smaller Cos	90.03	95.78†	+0.28	1.85
International	101.38	107.85†	+0.56	1.58
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	115.80	123.20	+0.60	0.30
European Dist	125.00	134.00	+1.80	0.20
Far East Dist	182.40	194.00	+0.20	...
Global Care Dist	78.93	84.03	-0.12	0.67
Oseas Dist	1071.20	1139.60†	+2.70	0.01
-do- Accum	1394.20	1483.20	+3.50	0.01
UK Dist	389.70	405.00	+1.70	2.45
-do- Accum	755.80	804.00	+3.40	2.45
UK Extra Inc Dist	94.82	98.23	+0.16	3.54
Wwide Dist	110.90	118.00†	...	0.30
Wwide Inc Dist	75.91	80.76†	+0.13	2.29
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	67.85	71.61	+0.53	1.12
Fund of Funds Inc	62.46	65.92	+0.10	2.28
North America Inc	58.82	62.08	-0.74	...
UK Equity Gro Inc	63.31	66.82	+0.18	2.57
-do- Accum	66.51	70.20	+0.19	2.57
UK General Inc	61.75	65.17†	+0.23	2.82
UK Gilt/Fxt Int Inc	46.71	49.20†	+0.19	7.36
UK Income Inc	61.12	64.51	+0.22	3.49
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	41.00	43.62†	-0.33	2.52
-do- Accum	41.32	43.95†	-0.34	2.89
Bond	121.18	128.98†	+0.90	5.85
Bridge Fund	91.18	97.00†	...	2.20
Cash Income	51.00	51.00	...	5.87
-do- Accum	66.25	66.25	...	5.87
Distributor	99.86	106.38†	+0.50	3.29
European	45.88	48.91	...	...
Foundation	181.10	197.55†	+0.32	2.35
General	202.51	215.44	+1.03	1.62
Global	335.12	357.57†	+0.90	0.19
Growth	132.66	141.13†	+0.39	2.58
Higher Income Inc	30.03	31.95†	+0.14	3.90
-do- Accum	35.10	37.34†	+0.16	3.90
Income	251.03	267.12†	+1.43	3.16
Managed	129.68	136.18†	...	3.05
Japan	24.86	26.55	-0.17	...
Managed Tst Inc	51.17	54.17	+0.28	2.13
-do- Accum	54.54	58.59	+0.22	2.12
Oriental Inc	144.77	154.01	+0.69	0.23
-do- Accum	149.39	158.93	+0.71	0.23
Pens Intl Gwth	37.76	39.78†	+0.09	0.43
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	33.71	36.05	...	0.84
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	79.88	85.43	+0.27	1.61
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	104.50	110.60	+0.10	2.31
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	129.88	138.72†	+0.37	1.36
UK Equity	150.26	158.17	+0.95	3.00
UK Equity Income	141.76	149.22	+0.88	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	126.18	132.82	+0.11	1.56
UK Equity Growth	141.63	149.08†	+0.78	2.17
UK Index Trckg	152.41	160.43	+0.11	3.47
Intl Index Trckg	154.25	162.37†	-0.01	1.10
International	250.18	263.25†	+0.13	0.53
European	217.01	228.43	+1.92	0.29
Pan European	146.77	154.49	+1.26	1.37
Nth American	200.29	210.80	-0.21	0.21
N Amer Smlr Cos	216.79	228.11	-0.53	...
Japanese	88.28	93.89	-0.89	...
Pacific	238.18	242.29	-0.13	0.55
South East Asian	258.24	272.88†	+0.29	0.70
Intl Bond	140.84	147.41	-0.12	4.43
Gilt & Convertible	105.62	111.18	+0.85	6.33
Property	78.91	83.06	...	5.76
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	256.90	275.00	+1.30	0.42
-do- Accum	270.80	290.90	+1.20	0.42
Japan Inc	99.50	108.20†	-0.70	...
Nth American Inc	115.20	123.50	+0.20	0.31
Worldwide Inc	164.50	176.69†	...	0.36
Hong Kong Inc	147.30	158.20	+0.69	1.61
Swiss Equities Inc	82.60	88.24	+0.33	0.11
Wwide Bond Inc	64.08	67.73†	+0.10	5.23
Emrging Asia Inc	207.50	225.80	+0.40	0.14
-do- Accum	208.30	226.70	+0.50	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.55	50.55	+0.01	6.34
Thailand Inc	162.50	176.70	-0.50	1.29
Gold Trust Inc	70.79	77.53	+0.02	0.19
New Zealand Inc	96.08	103.20†	+0.30	1.93
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	64.76	68.55	+0.27	1.47
Latin Am Cap Inc	56.90	61.52	-0.07	0.31
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	64.18	68.85	+0.27	2.50
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	82.01	87.71	-0.30	...
Global Portfolio	73.88	79.82	+1.04	...
Global Opps	66.98	71.64	-0.29	...
Maxim Global Gth	64.76	68.67	-0.03	...
AAM Global Equity	55.14	58.44	-0.06	2.13
CAM Brit Grwth Inc	100.60	107.32	+0.10	...
Temple Equity Inc	45.23	48.29	+0.05	2.30
Hartley Growth	90.94	96.74	+0.07	...
Intl Growth Inc	89.05	95.24†	+0.12	1.01
IPS Portfolio Inc	87.83	93.94	+1.46	...
St Jms Mkr Inc Inc	47.30	48.23	...	...
Premier Portfolio Inc	67.98	72.72	-0.14	1.80
Roxburgh Sbal Gth	74.91	79.15	-0.23	0.47
Slater Gwth	110.68	117.90†	+0.20	...
Recovery Growth	51.18	54.80	+0.15	0.58
International Strat	79.45	84.97	-0.56	...
UFC Intl-Act Gth	57.77	62.24	-0.18	...
Consult Topout	51.17	55.22	-0.22	...
Prism Equity Inc	111.40	121.50	+0.18	...
Lowes Intl Growth	49.24	51.83	-0.28	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 526 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	257.10	273.50	+0.70	2.64
-do- Accum	549.80	584.80	+1.50	2.64
Growth	164.90	175.40	+0.40	2.82
Income	249.80	265.10†	+0.50	3.71
Intl Equity	261.80	278.40†	+0.20	0.78
-do- Accum	291.40	310.00	+0.30	0.78
UK Income	69.49	73.92	+0.13	3.19
UK Intl 25	85.16	90.59	+0.18	2.12
New Europe	86.28	91.78	+0.55	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	629.48	673.25†	-0.27	0.55
-do- Accum	631.15	675.03	-0.27	0.55
Income	400.27	428.05†	+0.67	3.88
Wwide Recovery	411.03	438.61	-0.32	0.45
Amer Growth Inc	250.77	268.21	-0.20	0.01
-do- Accum	250.77	268.21	-0.30	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	251.28	268.73	-0.18	0.30
Far East Gth Inc	282.19	301.81	-0.95	0.39
-do- Accum	282.19	301.81	-0.95	0.39
Eur Gwth Inc	161.79	173.04	+0.89	0.10
-do- Accum	162.20	173.48	+0.89	0.10
UK Growth Inc	102.45	108.58	-0.82	2.62
-do- Accum	107.70	115.29	-0.81	2.62
High Income	105.21	113.71	+0.27	3.82
Jap Gwth Inc	204.25	217.57	-2.34	0.01
-do- Accum	204.25	217.57	-2.34	0.01
PEP Growth	127.11	136.09	+0.06	0.85
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	127.25	136.10	+0.10	0.39
-do- Accum	127.25	136.10	+0.10	0.38
Amer Smlr Co Inc	161.92	173.18	-0.33	0.01
-do- Accum	161.92	173.18	-0.33	0.01
Global Bond	58.08	58.08†	+0.17	5.50
Uk Smaller Cos Inc	91.53	98.91	+0.06	1.71
-do- Accum	96.41	103.12	+0.06	1.71
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 201 3827				
American	115.85	123.24	-0.74	...
European	79.63	84.71	-0.19	...
Global	64.72	68.85	-0.09	...
Pacific	58.52	62.25†	-0.43	...
UK Inc & Gth	68.90	74.36†	-0.14	2.24
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	172.08	182.73	-0.54	0.65
Emerg Mkts	46.82	49.54	-0.21	1.05
High Income #	52.65	55.71†	+0.01	5.88
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.49	72.58	+0.09	2.88
Growth Income	72.18	76.51	+0.31	2.32
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	153.50	163.08	+0.37	1.88
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	102.60	109.10	+0.20	3.51
Conv & Gilt	112.30	119.56	-1.20	6.08
European Income	75.62	80.45†	+0.39	3.33
Extra Income	165.40	176.00†	-0.20	4.91
-do- Accum	208.20	221.50	-0.40	4.91
Far East	390.80	415.80†	+0.20	0.29
-do- Accum	399.60	425.10	-1.00	0.29
Global Income	26.93	28.65	+0.06	4.32
High Income	125.30	133.30†	-0.50	4.07
-do- Accum	154.80	164.70	-0.60	4.07
International	198.90	209.60†	-0.40	0.75
-do- Accum	208.00	216.80	-0.30	0.75
Pref & Fxd Int	42.61	45.33†	+0.09	7.44
Recovery	79.00	80.85	+0.26	2.61

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	120.60	128.30	-0.10	1.62
-do- Accum	131.40	139.80	-0.10	1.62
Technology	603.50	642.00	-0.20	...
UK Blue Chip	76.63	81.53	+0.40	3.16
-do- Accum	87.46	93.04	+0.45	3.16
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	213.70	227.30	+0.40	1.35
European Gth	109.98	116.50	+1.30	0.49
Income & Gth #	146.33	155.60	+0.80	3.18
Japan Gth	113.20	120.40	-0.70	...
Nth Amer Gth	174.10	185.20	+0.30	0.09
Overseas Gth	105.80	112.30	+0.50	0.23
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	40.45	41.91	+0.09	1.79
Cash Haven Inc	101.71	102.31	+0.01	5.66
Cash Haven Acc	114.51	115.07	+0.01	5.66
Ded Trust Inc	108.06	103.70†	+0.32	6.45
Ded Trust Acc	106.94	110.81†	-0.35	6.45
Global Growth	95.25	101.32	+0.27	1.46
Equity Inc	86.29	91.79	+0.32	3.20
Equity	793.16	843.78†	+2.74	2.24
European	230.53	238.89	+2.29	0.75
High Income	90.03	95.77†	+0.27	5.06
Intl Gwth	198.98	211.68	+0.78	0.90
Intl Sm Co	85.32	90.76†	+0.06	0.48
Japanese	205.33	212.63†	-1.09	...
Nth Amer	201.88	209.20	-0.26	1.18
Pacific Mkts	109.11	113.06	+0.09	0.29
Premier Inc	47.41	49.35†	+0.07	6.91
Sm Cos	99.94	106.31	+0.05	1.43
Spec Sits	117.92	125.44	+0.69	2.58
UK Growth	133.74	142.27	+0.47	2.17
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	316.10	337.40†	+0.60	3.12
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	597.65	634.89	-0.43	0.48
FA America (Acc)	698.96	742.50	-0.51	0.48
FA UK Equity Inc	183.22	182.43	+0.61	3.45
FA Japan	240.69	256.15	-1.67	...
FA Major UK Cos	104.18	110.93	+0.29	2.30
FA Smlr UK Cos	326.60	355.10†	-0.42	1.28
FA European	351.39	373.78	+0.78	0.48
FA Amer Smlr Cos	54.98	57.75	-0.18	...
FA Asia	49.70	53.47	+0.07	...
FA Jap Smlr Cos	41.81	44.70	-0.56	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	107.78	113.44	+0.40	...
UK Smlr Cos	95.28	100.29	+0.12	...
UK Income	105.15	110.68	+0.37	...
America	120.23	126.55	-0.08	...
Japanese	53.13	55.92	-0.36	...
European	113.31	119.27	+0.26	...
Gilt	91.81	96.64	+0.11	...
Deposit	86.58	91.12	+0.01	...
Managed	106.12	111.69	+0.04	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	104.84	110.35	+0.39	...
UK Smaller Cos	92.95	97.83	+0.11	...
UK Income	102.47	107.85	+0.35	...
America	116.89	123.03	-0.09	...
Japanese	51.65	54.36	-0.36	...
European	110.27	116.07	+0.25	...
Gilt	90.75	95.52	+0.09	...
Deposit	82.65	87.00	+0.01	...
Managed	99.33	104.51	+0.18	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	97.34	103.80	-0.20	...
Pacific Basin	74.90	80.53†	-0.02	...
High Inc Dist	143.50	153.60	+0.60	4.25
Ryl Life Intl Cbty	59.43	62.99	+0.12	2.05
Ryl Life Intl Grth	70.74	75.55	-0.08	...
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.05	70.35	+0.11	...
Uk Emerging Cos	135.60	147.80	...	1.04
UK Index Trckg	152.60	164.60	...	3.13
European	143.70	154.10†	+0.30	...
Managed	161.00	173.10	+0.20	0.68
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	163.70	174.10	-0.60	1.88
European Growth	118.60	126.00	...	2.48
Far East Growth	135.00	142.70	-1.60	2.04
Japan Growth	127.50	135.50†	-1.10	...
Special Sits	223.80	238.00†	-0.20	1.14
UK Growth	86.09	91.58	-0.04	2.19
Union General	252.80	269.10†	-0.70	1.25
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	158.80	169.10	-0.60	0.13
Gr Euro Prog Inc	351.90	372.40	+2.60	0.13
-do- Accum	547.20	579.08	+4.10	0.13
Growth Inc	142.90	151.20	+1.00	0.21
-do- Accum	146.50	155.00	+1.00	0.21
International Inc	364.70	385.90	+2.30	0.33
-do- Accum	502.70	532.08	+3.20	0.33
Nth Am & Intl Inc	361.20	382.20	-0.40	0.48
UK Gen Prog Inc	236.30	250.00	-0.20	1.24
-do- Accum	285.88	301.30	-0.20	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	139.80	147.90	+0.10	3.78
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	74.09	78.81	+0.32	...
Asian Gwth	111.97	119.11	-0.13	0.75
European Gwth	76.44	81.31	+0.81	1.09
Global Bd	59.51	62.91†	+0.05	5.80
Global Eq	61.89	65.61	+0.10	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	56.12	59.69	-0.49	...
UK Gwth	72.82	77.47	+0.15	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	79.48	84.55†	+0.14	3.51
Amer Smlr Cos	132.30	140.70	-0.40	...
Asian Smaller Cos	42.05	44.73	-0.33	...
Capital Portfolio	135.40	144.00	+0.30	1.80
Cash	129.90	129.90†	...	6.07
China Dragon	59.41	63.20	+0.13	1.48
Commodity	120.90	128.60	+0.30	...
Eastern Discovery	99.55	105.90	...	...
Emerging Mkts	37.71	40.12	-0.17	...
Energy Inds	127.50	135.60	-0.10	0.16
European Gwth	198.20	210.90	...	0.12
Euro Inc & Gwth #	81.58	86.79	+0.08	1.04
Euro Smlr Cos	59.75	63.56	-0.42	0.06
Extra Income #	53.71	55.54	+0.11	5.63
Financial Secs	242.90	258.40	+0.40	1.29
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.51	50.16†	+0.02	8.97
Gold & Exploration	78.02	83.00	-0.68	...
High Return #	241.50	256.90	+0.60	3.88
High Yield #	241.10	256.50†	+0.80	3.59
Income #	124.70	132.70	+0.30	4.23
Intl Bond	166.00	177.58†	-0.20	5.57
ITU	218.30	232.20†	+0.40	1.04
Japan Growth	165.70	176.30†	-1.80	...
Japan Smaller	169.40	180.20	-1.50	...
Korea	68.33	72.69†	+0.67	...
Masterfund	58.08	61.79	-0.08	0.10
Scotbits	364.20	387.40	+0.70	1.06
Scotshares #	321.60	342.10	+0.60	2.19
Scotyields #	256.10	272.40	+0.90	3.25
Select Intl	144.10	153.30†	-0.20	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	256.10	272.40†	-0.20	3.43
SE Asia	50.51	53.73	+0.17	0.23
Special Situation	141.10	150.18	+0.30	1.92
UK Equity #	268.70	285.90	+0.90	2.44
UK Growth	72.14	76.74	+0.21	1.82
UK & O'seas	178.50	189.90	+0.60	1.13
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	53.27	56.71	-0.01	1.47
US Growth	174.70	185.90	-0.40	0.14
Univ Growth	143.60	152.80	-0.30	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	288.92	306.56	-0.35	0.85
-do- Accum	316.37	335.69	-0.38	0.85
European Gwth	80.93	85.92	+0.70	0.86
Euro Smlr Cos	89.92	94.84	+0.17	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	100.24	106.82	+0.08	...
-do- Accum	102.05	108.85	+0.06	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.63	53.39†	+0.52	7.91
Global Bond #	52.12	53.87	+0.02	6.97
-do- Accum #	58.63	60.59	+0.02	6.97
Global Emer Mkts	51.77	55.22†	-0.07	...
-do- Accum	51.82	55.27†	-0.08	...
Income #	371.50	396.69	+1.23	5.03
-do- Accum #	£12.09	£12.90	+4.00	5.03
Japan Smlr Cos	438.35	459.04	-5.68	...
-do- Accum	431.22	459.95	-5.80	...
Japan Enterprise	68.04	72.57†	-0.53	...
Pacific Gwth	136.59	145.69	+0.12	0.36
-do- Accum	141.00	150.39	+0.12	0.36
Portfolio	86.55	92.31	+0.06	1.95
-do- Accum	94.62	100.93	+0.07	1.95
Seoul	52.09	55.56	+0.48	...
-do- Accum	52.69	56.56	+0.49	...
Smaller Cos	246.93	263.39	+1.07	1.25
Tokyo	118.09	125.96†	-1.74	...
-do- Accum	119.29	127.24†	-1.75	...
UK Enterprise	294.60	314.23	-0.40	2.01
-do- Accum	356.81	379.74	-0.48	2.01
UK Equity	265.12	282.79	+0.35	2.77
-do- Accum	522.19	556.93	+0.68	2.77
US Smlr Cos	195.54	208.57	-0.61	...
-do- Accum	58.55	58.90†	-0.15	0.50
Institutional Funds				
Europe	255.76	265.70	+1.58	1.39
-do- Accum	286.13	297.25	+1.79	1.39
Euro Smlr Cos	31.00	32.29	-0.02	1.46
-do- Accum	32.94	34.31	-0.02	1.46
Global Equity Inc	82.12	85.54†	+0.04	1.03
Japan Smlr Cos	35.68	37.14	-0.27	0.19
-do- Accum	35.96	37.46	-0.27	0.19
Mngd Balanced	205.19	213.73	+0.30	2.92
-do- Accum	234.27	244.02	+0.33	2.92
Overseas Equity	200.99	209.36	+0.18	1.06
-do- Accum	208.81	217.50	+0.19	1.06
Oseas Smlr Cos	129.09	134.37	-0.46	0.93
-do- Accum	135.23	140.87	-0.49	0.93
Pacific	250.86	261.10†	+0.22	1.45
-do- Accum	276.52	288.48†	+0.25	1.45
Recovery	120.02	125.85	+2.61	3.01
-do- Accum	121.51	122.41	+2.81	3.01
UK Index	170.63	177.73	+0.38	4.36
-do- Accum	210.63	219.40	+0.46	4.36
UK Small Cos	123.29	128.42	+0.20	2.98
-do- Accum	133.77	139.34	+0.22	2.98
US Smlr Cos	55.28	57.58†	-0.15	0.50
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	54.79	57.94	+0.01	3.15
Equity Trust	68.05	71.96	...	2.92
Equity Strategy	80.39	85.01	-0.15	2.12
European Opps	94.24	99.66	-0.23	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	71.80	75.93	+0.06	1.32
Medium Inc	96.06	101.63	+0.02	6.83
Japanese	74.38	78.66	-0.85	...
Asia Pacific	124.01	131.14	-0.23	3.17
American	116.44	123.14	+0.19	0.88
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.93	31.93	...	6.224
UK General Inc	56.60	60.37	+0.19	2.84
-do- Accum	74.38	79.34	+0.25	2.84
Intl Income	274.39	292.69†	+0.30	1.58
-do- Accum	478.10	510.00†	+0.50	1.58
European	86.52	91.73	+0.59	1.70
Japan	65.53	69.47	-0.59	0.14
American	79.72	84.46	+0.21	2.81
Far East	86.17	91.85	+0.05	1.17
Ethical Inc	33.12	35.42	-0.01	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	36.78	39.31	+0.04	2.91
High Inc Inc	38.46	41.02	+0.05	3.64
UK Global Inc	43.07	46.07	+0.14	1.78
Wales Tst	73.73	78.75†	+0.24	1.32
Europe 2000 Tst	58.26	61.99	+0.54	1.45
Technology	135.42	144.19†	+0.16	1.04
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	426.90	455.20	+2.40	2.78
American	303.80	322.59	+1.30	0.49
Pacific	394.70	411.40	-1.70	0.45
European	587.70	626.00	+2.80	1.37
Worldwide	92.67	99.06	...	0.88
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	296.90	315.90	+1.00	2.27
-do- Accum	379.60	403.90	+1.30	2.27
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	227.40	242.06	+0.80	1.89
-do- Accum	276.00	293.70	+1.00	1.89
Select Opptly Inc	77.56	82.56†	+0.06	1.99
Income Plus Inc	78.17	83.17†	+0.16	3.80
European Inc	357.60	381.10†	+3.70	1.17
-do- Accum	418.70	445.50†	+4.10	1.17
Far Eastern Inc	174.80	186.00†	+0.50	0.80
-do- Accum	200.90	213.80†	+0.50	0.90
Japanese Inc	59.26	63.05†	-0.41	...
Nth American Inc	275.70	293.30†	+1.50	0.63
-do- Accum	304.80	324.30†	+1.50	0.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	212.30	225.90	+0.50	0.62
Wwide Venture Inc	83.91	89.27†	-0.07	0.78
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	397.90	424.40	-0.40	2.52
-do- Accum	597.70	637.40	-0.70	2.52
UK High Inc	192.50	206.30	...	3.46
-do- Accum	288.60	307.80	+0.20	3.49
Europe Inc	417.70	445.50	+0.60	0.37
Nth Amer Inc	257.20	274.30	-0.80	...
Global Inc	233.50	249.00	-0.10	0.24
Global Acc	251.50	268.30	...	0.24
UK Spec Sits Inc	110.30	117.60	-0.30	3.11
South East Asia	223.80	238.70	-0.10	0.39
Cash Trust Inc	101.70	101.70	...	6.00
UK Smlr Cos Inc	115.10	120.60	-0.20	2.05
-do- Accum	117.00	124.80	-0.20	2.05
Intl Bond Inc	95.15	101.00	+0.20	5.75
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	148.00	155.50	+0.20	4.25
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	139.30	145.60	+0.70	0.93
Nth American	122.80	129.33	...	0.22
Intl Bond & Conv	126.40	133.10	+0.10	6.69
Pooled Pension (E)	208.00	223.70	+2.30	10.40
Smaller Cos	92.14	98.93	+0.22	1.18
UK General	147.30	156.10	+0.20	2.01
Far Eastern	95.10	100.10†	...	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Acorn Gth Fund ‡	117.47	‡	+0.10	...
Aztec ‡	64.43	‡	-0.42	...
European ‡	139.41	‡	+1.26	0.29
Global Bond ‡	93.74	‡	-1.89	8.43
Investment Tst ‡	102.82	‡	-1.56	2.08
Preferred Income ‡	39.68	‡	-0.03	8.02
Samurai ‡	53.74	‡	-0.27	...
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.21	‡	+0.02	6.00
UK Growth ‡	105.84	‡	+0.22	2.35
Tai Pan ‡	98.07	‡	-0.08	...
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	103.40	‡	+0.31	2.87
UK Equity Inc ‡	102.51	‡	-0.22	5.85
Gian Gwth PEP	68.87	73.36	-0.13	...
Ptnl Inc PEP #	98.02	104.00†	-0.20	4.97
Inv Tmst PEP	51.12	54.38	+0.06	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	380.50	402.60	-2.30	...
Canadian	64.75	68.51	-2.78	0.59
Capital	133.90	143.20	-0.10	1.61
Cash	100.50	100.50†	+0.01	5.97
European	144.20	152.60	+0.60	0.83
Far Eastern	155.20	164.39	-1.60	...
Growth	147.10	155.70	...	1.41
Income	135.00	142.80†	-0.20	5.04
Magnum	144.30	154.50	-0.20	1.58
Smlr Sectors	439.20	464.70†	-0.70	0.83
Thoroughbred	167.50	179.50†	-0.20	1.33
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 432				
Cntrl Prdnce	54.09	57.85	+0.23	8.00
Ethical	66.56	71.57†	+0.13	2.30
European Growth	74.77	79.54	+0.53	3.20
Income	57.96	62.30	+0.24	5.70
Intl Growth	100.40	107.00	+0.60	3.20
Managed	85.50	91.20	+0.41	3.98
UK Growth	69.12	74.31	+0.15	3.10
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	42.00	43.22	...	1.64
Global Advtg Acc	46.38	46.62	...	1.64
Income Advtg Inc	33.83	34.06†	...	3.41
Income Advtg Acc	38.22	38.42	...	3.41
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.83	84.63	+0.10	0.81
Premier Inc Inc	47.71	50.22	+0.10	7.83
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Managed Acc	56.04	59.41	...	1.33
Uk Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.59	40.91†	...	3.86
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	49.42	52.39	...	3.86
Standard Life 1st Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	69.29	73.63	...	2.13
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.58	53.75†	...	2.13
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.37	32.12†	...	6.61
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	335.70	364.30	-0.90	1.72
Nth American Acc	52.08	55.25	+0.10	0.17
Far East Acc	70.38	74.68	-0.60	0.40
European Acc	55.51	58.98	+0.30	0.75
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	4.104	4.351	-0.013	1.65
US Eqty (US$)	2.851	3.026	-0.057	1.05
Far East Exte (yen)	249.40	264.90	+1.20	...
FT Europe	138.70	147.30	-1.00	1.32
FT N Amer (US$)	2.194	2.324	-0.014	0.47
FT Japan (yen)	207.70	220.60	-0.20	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.576	2.736	-0.021	0.90
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	430.60	457.20	-0.50	...
British #	1154.10	1221.00†	+2.40	3.08
Emrgng Mkts	134.90	143.80	-0.80	0.45
European	578.30	615.90†	-2.10	0.52
Japan	138.30	146.90	-0.80	...
New Pacific	390.70	416.10	+1.00	1.55
-do- Accum	416.50	443.60	+1.10	1.55
Inv Trust Acc	273.80	290.20	+0.20	0.82
Mngd Equity	186.80	197.40	+0.50	1.65
Mngd Cash	95.08	95.68	+0.01	6.07
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	935.00	1000.60	+5.10	2.62
North America	152.60	163.20	+0.10	...
Far East	150.30	160.70	-0.20	0.10
Wwide Bond	59.42	63.05†	-0.01	5.14
European	110.40	118.10†	+1.50	1.70
Equity Income #	99.20	105.10	+0.50	5.27
Portfolio	94.44	101.00	+0.50	2.11
UK Leading Cos	68.34	72.90	+0.32	3.00
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	70.01	74.88	-0.29	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 526 725				
Amerca UT	22.25	23.68†	...	0.75
European	41.74	44.41†	...	0.61
High Income	33.77	35.93†	...	4.25
Japan	35.05	37.29†	...	0.01
Managed Assets	132.35	141.56	...	2.57
North American	36.78	39.13†	...	0.67
Smlr Co's Inc	32.00	34.05	...	2.21
Smlr Co's Acc	34.31	36.50†	...	2.21
UK Growth Inc	59.98	63.61	...	2.73
UK Growth Acc	65.89	70.10†	...	2.73
UK Income	43.53	46.56	...	3.17
Worldwide Gth	37.14	39.73	...	0.90
Confederation				
Canadian Eurpt	57.53	59.31	...	2.06
European Exmpt	85.99	89.69	...	1.91
Pacific Exmpt	59.87	61.73†	...	0.97
US Exmpt	85.39	89.07†	...	1.67
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	52.70	56.06†	-0.13	2.61
Cap Protectn Inc	42.41	45.12†	-0.02	2.80
UK Income Inc	54.64	58.13	+0.07	3.21
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	33.65	35.81†	+0.03	5.11
Mngd High Yld Inc	83.72	89.06†	+0.11	4.41
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	80.01	85.12	+0.16	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	36.52	38.85†	-0.01	1.70
Pacific Gth Pen	48.01	51.07	+0.16	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	255.20	270.06	+0.36	...
-do- Accum	281.09	297.45	+0.39	...
Brit Growth	106.82	113.04†	+0.41	2.03
-do- Accum	130.91	138.53†	+0.50	2.03
European	112.02	118.54	+1.18	...
-do- Accum	119.23	126.17	+1.30	...
Extra Income	200.22	211.87	+1.15	4.03
-do- Accum	352.83	373.38	+2.00	4.03
Smaller Cos	79.27	83.88†	-0.01	1.05
-do- Accum	90.18	95.34†	-0.02	1.05
General	317.24	335.71	+0.93	2.30
-do- Accum	664.66	703.33	+1.95	2.20
Premier Income	48.50	51.56†	+0.04	7.20
-do- Accum	117.90	122.81†	+0.10	7.20
Income	352.50	373.01	+1.83	3.51
-do- Accum	786.77	832.57	+4.10	3.51
Pacific	407.54	431.32	-1.72	...
-do- Accum	428.23	453.15	-1.77	...
International	580.07	613.84†	+1.61	...
-do- Accum	764.27	808.75†	+2.12	...
Nat Resources	161.31	170.70†	+0.81	...
Steel Opps	120.69	127.72†	+0.41	1.51
-do- Accum	156.09	165.17†	+0.52	1.51
Environmental Inv	68.95	72.96	+0.19	1.36
Selector	67.44	71.37†	+0.22	1.74
-do- Accum	77.51	82.02†	+0.25	1.74
High Income	66.73	70.81	+0.33	4.42
-do- Accum	87.01	92.09	+0.43	4.42
Intl Income	61.00	64.55†	+0.12	5.13
-do- Accum	78.11	82.66†	+0.16	5.13
Selector Income	62.98	66.64†	+0.23	4.35
-do- Accum	77.01	81.49†	+0.29	4.35
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 687 1010				
British	364.25	383.42	+1.59	2.86
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	219.07	234.30	+0.65	2.17
Glob Balncd Inc	182.17	194.83†	+0.52	3.64
Value Tst Inc	130.58	139.66	+0.79	2.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Eq	43.76	45.52	+0.05	7.00
European Growth	290.79	303.86	+1.03	0.40
Exempt	586.64	613.07†	+2.14	2.78
Global Em Mkts	79.86	83.62†	+0.01	0.40
Japan Tst	80.65	84.45	-0.82	...
Little Dragons	90.68	94.95	+0.37	...
Nth Amer Gwth	261.42	273.73	+0.80	0.59
Oriental Income #	45.36	47.51†	+0.04	2.30
Preference	124.98	130.85†	+0.20	9.80
Tiger	269.11	293.30	+1.51	...
UK Blue Chip	69.65	72.93	+0.44	1.80
UK Growth	567.98	594.74†	+1.39	3.10
UK High Yield #	107.97	113.05†	-0.47	4.40
UK Mid-Cap	272.03	284.84†	-0.05	2.20
UK Smlr Cos	113.87	119.23	+0.59	1.00
UK Smlr Cos Div #	88.22	92.37	+0.23	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	104.38	111.04	+0.55	3.50
UK Equity Growth	92.72	98.64†	+0.54	2.80
European	70.59	75.10†	+0.41	1.48
Nth American	77.18	82.11	-0.29	0.82
Far Eastern	70.89	75.42	-0.06	0.95
Money	89.01	89.01	+0.01	5.45
Fixed Interest	75.00	79.79	+0.28	6.84
Index Linked Gilt	69.04	73.45	+0.35	1.38
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Tst	101.82	101.02	+0.04	7.30
UK Index Tracking @	117.21	117.21†	+0.07	2.86
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	24.29	25.50	-0.22	...
Pacific Basin	44.55	46.89	-0.30	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.9054	0.9431	+0.0024	...
Penny Share	42.36	44.58	-0.23	...
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	97.57	100.10	+0.10	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	118.20	119.70	+0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7621	0.7721	+0.0008	...
Gilt Income	50.51	52.57†	+0.11	7.00
Gilt Growth	72.64	75.59	+0.08	...
Sterling Bond	48.47	50.22	+0.03	7.25
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	50.19	53.39	+0.25	1.78
UK Stockmarket	87.79	93.38	+0.03	2.40

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

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Power of court on appeal

West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (Luxembourg) v Cristal Ltd

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Pill

[Judgment October 19]

A clause in an international agreement known as the "Cristal Contract", *an acronym for the Contract* Regarding a Supplement to Tanker Liability for Oil Pollution, which stipulated that Cristal Ltd, the administrator of the contract *and the fund from which* compensation was paid, was to be the "sole judge" in accordance with the terms of the contract of the validity of any claims made thereunder, *meant that the decision by* Cristal on matters of fact was to be final and binding for all purposes and was not reviewable by the court, subject to any question of *unfairness, bad faith or perversity.*

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the defendant, Cristal Ltd, from the decision of Mr Justice Waller dated February 1, 1995 whereby he held on the trial of certain preliminary issues in an action brought by the plaintiffs, the West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (Luxembourg), that any determinaton by Cristal as to whether or not a claim had been *made in time could be reviewed by* an English court: that the court's power of review was unrestricted, and that findings of fact as well conclusions of law could be challenged: see [1995] 1 Lloyd's LR 560).

The Cristal Contract was a contract between Cristal Ltd and a large number of companies throughout the world which were engaged in the oil industry. It was an international agreement which entitled specified claimants to recover compensation in respect of damage from oil pollution sustained either by the claimant or by a third party to whom the claimant had paid compensation. The compensation was paid out of the *Cristal Fund and Cristal Ltd which* was a Bermudian company administered the contract and the fund.

The contract stipulated that claims were to be brought within a specified time limit. In the present *proceedings* Cristal asserted, *inter alia*, that the relevant claims had not been brought by the plaintiffs within the time limit and that it had exclusive jurisdiction to determine *whether or not a time limit* had expired.

Clause IX of the contract stated: "In fulfilling its obligations, in accordance with the terms of this *contract, Cristal Ltd shall be the* sole judge in accordance with these terms of the validity of any claim made hereunder..."

Mr Peter Gross, QC and Mr Christopher Hancock for the defendant; Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC, Mr Jonathan Gilman, QC and Mr Vernon Flynn for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that there were many circum*stances in which the powers of the* High Court to review decisions made by persons or bodies outside the court system might be restricted. Leaving aside decisions, such as those of the Cabinet, which would not appear to be justiciable at all, those restrictions fell into a *number of categories which* included the following:

(a) Parties to a contract might incorporate a term which purported to exclude or limit any right to challenge by court proceedings any decision made under the contract.

(b) The decision might be one which could only challenged by judicial review. Here the courts themselves had established the limits on their right to review the decision.

(c) The power of the court might be restricted by statute.

The court was concerned with a case in the first category but it was clear that cases in other categories *might raise similar problems as to* the precise role of the court where there was a restriction on its powers of review.

It remained the general rule of common law that an agreement wholly to oust the jurisdiction of *the courts was against* public policy and void. An inroad into the rule had been made by section 3 of the Arbitration Act 1979 which made provision for agreements *whereby the statutory jurisdiction* of the High Court to supervise the way in which arbitrators applied the law in reaching their decisions in individual cases could be excluded, but in the absence of some statutory provision the rule remained in force.

It was clear, however, that in applying the rule questions of fact *were treated differently from ques*tions of law. There was no objection in principle to the parties to a contract stipulating that a chosen tribunal should be the final arbiter on questions of fact.

But even on questions of fact the court might have a residual part to play if the decision on fact was open to challenge on the ground of fraud or on the ground that there had been an abuse of power by the tribunal.

On questions of law, however, the court would in general retain control and would decline to allow the extra-curial tribunal to be the final arbiter on such questions. But *there were general exceptions to* that general approach.

Counsel for Cristal accepted that decisions on questions of law could be reviewed by the court. That was made clear by the fact that the words "sole judge" were folowed by the words "in accordance with these terms".

He also accepted that there was a duty on Cristal to act fairly in making any determination and *that the court could intervene* if there had been a failure to do so or if the determination could be shown to be perverse.

In his Lordship's view, it was important to emphasise that the contract was an international agreement to which oil companies throughout the world were parties. At the same time it was necessary to note that by clause XI the contract was to be construed and was to take effect in accordance with the laws of England and the English courts were given exclusive jurisdiction "over any matter arising" from the contract.

In the light of clause XI and of the concessions made by Cristal it did not seem to his Lordship that any question arose as to the ouster of the jurisdiction of the court. The *court clearly had a role to play.* The problem was to define the extent of that role.

His Lordship could see the force of the submission that it was *unusual for one party to a contract* to be constituted the sole arbiter of the validity of any claim made against it.

There was therefore attraction in *the argument that the determ*ination under clause IX was merely, as counsel for the plaintiffs put it, a first stage determination, and that the words "sole judge" were inserted to make it clear that Cristal rather than the members of the company or some other person *should make the first stage* determination.

His Lordship had come to the conclusion, however, that that argument had to be rejected. The contract was an *unusual* agreement.

One of the functions of Cristal was to administer the fund. In most cases the claimant would be a *member of Cristal. Cristal and the* board of directors were there to hold a balance between members.

In the context of the agreement it seemed to his Lordship to be clear that the words "sole judge" in clause IX were sufficient to show that the determination by Cristal was to be final and binding for all purposes on matters of fact, subject of course to any question of unfairness, bad faith or perversity.

That conclusion accorded with the nature of the scheme and took account of the importance of *having the simplest possible* machinery to adjudicate about claims made on the fund.

The exclusion of disputes about compensation from arbitration *provisions in the rules did not* mean that such disputes were to go at once to the courts but rather that the question of compensation was to be decided by Cristal as "sole judge".

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Pill agreed.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Holman Fenwick & Willan.

High risk prison regime lawful

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Others, Ex parte O'Dhuibhir

Regina v Same, Ex parte O'Brien

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Wright

[Judgment October 11]

The Home Secretary could lawfully impose a closed condition regime for visitors of exceptional escape risk prisoners whereby physical contact between prisoner and visitor was prevented by an interposed physical barrier.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment refusing judicial review of an instruction by the Home Secretary on June 20, 1995 to *prison governors that from that* date all exceptional risk prisoners in Whitemoor prison special secure unit and Belmarsh category A unit would be subject to closed visit arrangements which would be the norm.

The applicants, Liam *O'Dhuibhir* and Michael *O'Brien*, were both serving long terms of imprisonment and were each one of a tiny number of British prisoners in category A, exceptional escape risk.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Tim Owen for the applicants; Mr Kenneth Parker, QC and Mr Pushpinder Saini for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said *that the test to be applied of a "self*-evident and pressing need" for closed visits came from Lord Justice Steyn in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Leech* ([1994] QB 198, 212).

In his Lordship's judgment, the Home Secretary's rule-making *power under section 47(1) of the* Prison Act 1952 to regulate and manage prisons and control persons detained therein self-evidently and necessarily conferred *the power to regulate the circum*stances of visits to prisoners so as to minimise and, if possible, prevent the introduction of contraband.

His Lordship would give the same answer were it necessary to *pose the self-evident and pressing* need test to the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388) which were enacted under section 47(1).

Rule 33(1) conferred a power to *impose general restrictions on* communications between a prisoner and other persons and the specific limitations on visits as to sight and hearing imposed by rule *33(4) and (5) did not derogate from* that general power.

Similarly rule 37's provision in relation to legal visits required reasonable facilities, which were to be out of hearing but in sight of an officer, but were not further identified.

What facilities were reasonable depended on all the circumstances including, on the one hand, the category and escape risk of the prisoner, the existence, operability and effectiveness of scrutiny procedures, the type of contraband and the extent to which it was entering prisons, and on the other hand, the prisoner's unassailable right to *communicate, confidentially, with* his legal advisers to the extent necessary adequately to prepare and present his case, in civil or criminal litigation.

Provided that the restrictions on legal visits were necessary in the interests of security, as, in his Lordship's judgment, *in the light* of evidence by the Director General of Prisons, they were, and provided the unassailable right of the prisoner was preserved, as, in his Lordship's judgment, on the evidence as to present facilities, it was, it could not be said that the facilities now provided for closed *legal visits were other than* reasonable within rule 37(1). That conclusion was the same whether the matter was approached as one of power or rationality.

His Lordship did not accept that in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Anderson* ([1984] QB 778, 793E) Lord Justice Goff in referring to "unimpeded access to a solicitor" had in mind, having regard to the circumstances of that case, the sort of security related physical impediment with which the present case was concerned. Indeed, he expressly contemplated regulation of the circumstances of solicitors' access to inmates.

Nor did his Lordship accept Mr *Fitzgerald's submission that a* minimum interference test was necessary to justify closed visits: the correct test was what was reasonable balancing all relevant *factors.*

In the language of Lord Justice Steyn in *Ex parte Leech* (at p212E), the evidence in the present case established "an objective need ... in the interests of the regulation of prisons" for a closed visit regime.

No different conclusion was possible in relation to closed family visits.

His Lordship stressed that the conclusion that the imposition of a closed visit regime was within the secretary of state's powers and that reasonable facilities were now accorded for those closed visits had been determined by the particular circumstances of the case: that is, in relation to category A exceptional escape risk prisoners, following the Whitemoor escape, in September 1994 in which O'Dhuibhir was allegedly involved, and the Woodcock report, in December 1994, of the inquiry into the escape from Whitemoor (Cmnd 2741) prior to publication of a report on prison security commissioned from General Sir John Learmont which was to deal with the issue of closed visits, but which had not been completed by March 1995, necessitating a decision on that issue in advance of the report, and in the light of the evidence as to the quantity and seriousness of contraband entering prisons in the 18 months prior to August 1995.

The judgment was not to be understood as recognising a power in the Home Secretary to impose a general closed visits regime on other categories of prisoners, in other prisons or in other circumstances.

Nor did his Lordship mean that closed visits could necessarily lawfully continue indefinitely in relation to the applicants. The case related to the order made in the circumstances prevailing in June 1995: changed circumstances might require a changed regime.

Mr Justice Wright agreed.

Solicitors: *B. M. Birnberg & Co; Treasury Solicitor.*

Sex claim valid despite illegal contract

Leighton v Michael and Another

Before Mr Justice Mummery, Miss J. W. Collerson and Mrs P. Turner

[Judgment October 19]

A complainant was not precluded from pursuing a complaint of sex discrimination against an employer under Part II of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 by reason of illegality in the fact of, or in the performance of her contract of employment.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held in allowing an appeal by the applicant, Miss Annabel Leighton, against the decision, dated September 9, 1994, of an industrial tribunal sitting at Ledbury that she could not pursue her claim of unlawful sex discrimination against her employers, Mr Michael Michael and Mr D. Charalambous.

Section 6 of the 1975 Act provides: " (2) It is unlawful for a person, *in the case of a woman* employed by him ... to discriminate against her — ... (b) by dismissing her, or subjecting her to any other detriment."

Section 82 provides: "(1) ... 'employment' means employment under a contract of service ... or a contract personally to execute any work or labour, and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;..."

Mr Mark Sutton for the applicant; Mr Anthony J. Weston, solicitor, for the employers.

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY *said that* from October 1991 until early April 1993 the applicant was in full-time employment with a Mr and Mrs Newey at their fish and chip shop in Ross-on-Wye. Income *tax and national insurance* were deducted from her wages.

The fish and chip shop was then sold to Mr Michael, the second respondent being his partner in *the business. Tax and national* insurance were no longer deducted. The applicant complained but Mr Michael refused to deduct the money. In June 1993 she *accepted additional work peeling* potatoes knowing that tax would not be deducted.

In October 1993 she consulted the citizens advice bureau, and in January 1994 she consulted a solicitor about sexual harassment and about tax and national insurance.

On that evidence, the industrial tribunal held that the carrying out of the contract of employment involved a fraud on the revenue and could not be relied on by the applicant in asserting her legal rights; and that she was disentitled from pursuing a claim for a statutory right such as that created by the 1975 Act.

The tribunal had held that where an employee's claims, whether common law or statutory, were directly founded on a contract knowingly tainted with illegality, they were to be treated as unenforceable on the ground of public policy.

In the view of the majority of the appeal tribunal, protection against sex discrimination under Part II of the 1975 Act involved a reference to *the contract of employment to* determine whether the person was "employed" within the meaning of the statute, but the claim of sex *discrimination did not involve* enforcing, relying on or founding a claim on the contract of employment.

In brief, the right not to be discriminated against on the ground of sex was conferred by statute on persons who were employed. There was nothing in the statute, or public policy, to disqualify a person who was in fact employed from protection, by reason of illegality in the fact of, or in the performance of the contract of employment.

The minority member of the appeal tribunal also agreed that the appeal should be allowed, but for the reason that the applicant should not, for the purposes of the doctrine of illegal contracts, be regarded as knowingly a party to a fraud on the revenue on the basis of the facts found.

The case would be remitted for a hearing on the merits of the applicant's claim.

Solicitors: Shawcross & Co, Ross-on-Wye; Anthony J. Weston, Hereford.

Maastricht Treaty term imposes no obligation

Regina v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Ex parte Duddridge and Others

Article 130r of the EC Treaty, as inserted by the Maastricht Treaty on European Union, paragraph 2 of which provided that "Community policy on the environment ... shall be based on the precautionary principle..." did not of itself impose obligations on any organ of a member state.

The secretary of state was, therefore, not in breach of Community law by failing to adopt the precautionary principle when discharging his duties under the Electricity Act 1989.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Iain Glidewell) so held on October 6 when giving reasons for their *refusal on October 3 to grant the* applicants, Lloyd Duddridge, Danielle Bye and Naomi Holliday, leave to appeal from the refusal on October 3, 1994 of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Farquharson and Mrs Justice *Smith) to grant judicial review of* the secretary of state's decision not to issue regulations under the 1989 Act restricting the electromagnetic fields from electric cables being laid or to be laid as part of the national grid.

SIR IAIN GLIDEWELL said that article 130r set out the aims which Community policy on the environment should be designed to achieve, and the principles to which such a policy should adhere. The article did not of itself place any obligation on any organ of a national government.

The repeated use of the future tense made it clear that the article *itself did not contain or create such* a policy. The procedures which were to be followed to bring Community policy on the environment into being were set out in article 130s.

The creation of a policy on the environment required a decision by, and action, such as the promulgation of a Directive, by, the organs of the Community: the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament.

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Separating private house from business premises for VAT purposes

Finanzamt Uelzen v Armbrecht

Case C-291/92

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges F. A. Schockweiler, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, P. Jann, G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, J. L. Murray, D. A. O. Edward, G. Hirsch and H. Ragnemalm

Advocates General W. Van Gerven and F. G. Jacobs

(Opinions September 15, 1993 and April 6, 1995)

[Judgment October 4]

Where a taxable person sold *property part of which he had* chosen to reserve for his private use, he did not act, with respect to *the sale of that part, as a "taxable* person" within the meaning of the charging provision in a Community directive relating to value-added tax.

Where a taxable person sold property part of which he had chosen at the time of acquisition not to assign to his business, only the part assigned to the business *was to be taken into account for the* purposes of the provisions in the directive relating to the deduction of input tax.

The Court of Justice of the *European Communities so held on* a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC *Treaty by the Bundesfinanzhof*, Germany.

Under the German Law on Turnover Tax 1980, transactions governed by the Law on Land *Transfer Tax were exempted from* turnover tax, but paragraph 9 of the Law on Turnover Tax allowed taxable persons to treat such transfers as taxable when they *were made "to another trader for* the purposes of his business".

On the sale in 1981 of his building comprising a guesthouse, a restaurant and premises used as *a private dwelling*, Dieter Armbrecht, a hotelier, opted for taxation under paragraph 9.

In his VAT declaration for 1981, Mr Armbrecht regarded only the sale of the part of the building used for professional purposes as subject to VAT and treated the sum received *in respect of the private* dwelling as exempt: he accordingly invoiced the purchaser for VAT only on the former part. However, the tax office imposed VAT on the *sale of the private dwelling.*

In proceedings in which Mr Armbrecht challenged that decision, questions were referred to the Court of Justice on the interpretation of provisions of the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes, *common system of value added tax: uniform* basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145, p1).

Article 2 of Directive 77/388 provides: "The following shall be *subject to value added tax: (1) the* supply of goods or services effected for consideration ... by a taxable person acting as such..."

Article 5 provides: "(1) 'Supply of goods' *shall mean the transfer of* the right to dispose of tangible property as owner."

Article 13 provides: "... (B) ... member states shall exempt the following ... (g) the supply of buildings or parts thereof... "(C) Member states may allow taxpayers a right of option for *taxation in cases of ... (b) the* transactions covered in (B) ... (g) ... above. Member states may restrict the scope of this right of option and shall fix the details of its use."

Article 17 provides: "(2) In so far as the goods and services are used for the purposes of his taxable transactions, the taxable person *shall be entitled to deduct from the* tax which he is liable to pay: (a) value added tax due or paid in respect of goods or services supplied or to be supplied to him by *another taxable person...*"

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The German Government stressed that since Mr Armbrecht's *property formed a single item in* German civil law and was entered as such in the land register, it should be treated as a single item for the application of Directive 77/388.

Although article 5(1) of the directive did not define the extent of the property rights transferred, which had to be determined *in accordance with the applicable* national law, the court had held that the objective of the directive, to base the common system of VAT on a uniform definition of taxable transactions, would be jeopardised if the preconditions for a supply of goods varied from one member state to another.

Consequently, the national law applicable in the case could not provide the answer to the first question raised, which concerned not the civil law applicable to *supply but whether the transaction* was subject to the tax. It was clear from article 2(1) that a taxable person had to act "as such" for a transaction to be subject to VAT.

A taxable person performing a transaction in a private capacity did not act as a taxable person, and such a transaction was therefore not subject to VAT. Nor was there *any provision in the directive* which precluded a taxable person who wished to retain part of an item of property among his private assets from excluding it from the *VAT system.*

That interpretation made it possible for a taxable person to choose whether or not to integrate into his business, for the purposes of *applying the directive, part of an* asset which was given over to his private use.

Apportionment between the part allocated to business activities and the part retained for *private use* had to be based on the proportions of private and business use in the year of acquisition and not on a geographical division.

The taxable person must, moreover, throughout his period of ownership of the property, demonstrate an intention to retain part *of it among his private assets.*

The German government could not object to the foregoing on the ground of the argument that, by reference to the last sentence of *article 13(C), the German legisla*ture was empowered to impose on a taxable person taxation of the property in its entirety in a case such as the present. Such an *approach was incompatible with* the directive.

The right of option provided for in article 13(C), while making it possible to transform an exempted *transaction into a taxable one and* entitling the taxpayer to deduct input tax, did not enable a supply which did not fall within the scope of the tax as defined in the directive *to be transformed into a taxable* supply.

In relation to the second question, concerning the right to deduction under article 17(2)(a) of the *directive, it was only to the extent* that an item was used for the purposes of his taxable transactions that a taxable person could deduct from the tax which he was liable to pay the VAT due or to be paid in respect of that item.

It was established that if the taxable person chose to exclude part of an item of property from his business assets, that part never formed part of those assets. Consequently, that part, which was not used for providing taxable business services or deliveries, did not fall within the scope of the VAT system and was not be taken into account for the application of article 17(2)(a).

The third question related to the adjustment of input tax deduction under article 20(2).

Since, as was clear from the answer to the second question, the right to deduct *input tax under* article 17(2) applied only to the part of the relevant asset assigned to the business, the adjustment of that deduction must also be limited to that part of the asset.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

1 Where a taxable person sold property part of which he had chosen to reserve for his private use, he did not act with respect to the sale of that part as a taxable person within the meaning of article 2(1) of Directive 77/388.

2 Where a taxable person sold property part of which he had chosen at the time of acquisition not to assign to his business, only the part of the property assigned to *his business was to be taken into* account for the application of article 17(2).

3 The adjustment of the input tax deduction under article 20(2) must be limited to the part of the property assigned to the business.

Law for equality of women is discriminatory

Kalanke v Freie Hansestadt Bremen

Case C-450/93

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, D. A. O. Edward, J.-P. Puissochet, G. Hirsch, G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann and J. L. Murray

Advocate General G. Tesauro

(Opinion April 6)

[Judgment October 17]

A national rule that where men and women employees applying *for promotion to the same post* were equally qualified, women were automatically to be given priority in sectors where they were under-represented, involved *discrimination on the ground of* sex contrary to Council Directive 76/207/EEC of February 9, 1976 on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions (OJ 1976 L39 p40).

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference by the Bundesarbeitsgericht, Germany, for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty.

Paragraph 4 of the Bremen Law on Equal Treatment for Men and Women in the Public Service 1990 provided, inter alia, that women who had the same qualifications as men applying for promotion to the *same post were to be given priority* if they were under-represented, namely, if women did not make up at least half the staff in the individual pay brackets and function *levels in the relevant* personnel group in a department.

At the final stage of recruitment to a managerial post in the Bremen parks department, two candidates employed by the department, the plaintiff, Eckhard Kalanke, and a woman, *Heike Glissmann*, were shortlisted.

A recommendation that the plaintiff be promoted to the post was rejected on the ground that, he and Ms Glissmann being equally qualified for the post and women being under-represented in the parks department, paragraph 4 of the 1990 Law required that Ms Glissmann be appointed.

In the proceedings that ensued, the question was referred whether article 2(1) and (4) of Council Directive 76/207/EEC precluded such national rules.

Article 1 of Directive 76/207 provides: "(1) The purpose of this Directive is to put into effect in the member states the principle of equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, including promotion ... This principle is hereinafter referred to as "the principle of equal treatment"."

Article 2 provides: "(1) ... the principle of equal treatment shall *mean that there shall be no* discrimination whatsoever on grounds of sex either directly or indirectly...

"(4) This Directive shall be *without prejudice to measures to* promote equal opportunity for men and women, in particular by removing existing inequalities which affect women's opportunities in the areas referred to in article 1(1)."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

In its order for reference the national court pointed out that a quota system such as that in issue, which it considered to be compatible with German constitutional and statutory provisions, might help to overcome in the future the *disadvantages which women cur*rently faced and which perpetuated past inequalities, in as much as it accustomed people to seeing women filling more senior posts.

The purpose of the directive was stated in article 1(1), and article 2(1) said that the principle of equal treatment meant that there was to be no discrimination on the ground of sex.

A national rule that where men and women who were candidates for the same promotion were equally qualified, women were automatically to be given priority in sectors where they were under-represented, involved discrimination on the ground of sex.

Article 2(4) was specifically and exclusively designed to allow measures which, although discriminatory in appearance, were in fact intended to eliminate or reduce actual instances of inequality which might exist in the reality of social life: see Case 312/86 *Commission v France* ([1988] ECR 6315, paragraph 15).

It thus permitted national measures relating to access to employment, including promotion, which gave a specific advantage to women with a view to improving their ability to compete on the labour market and to pursue a career on an equal footing with men.

The Council of Europe had said in the preamble to Recommendation 84/635/EEC of December 13, 1984 on the promotion of positive action for women (OJ 1984 L331 p34): "Existing legal provisions on equal treatment, which are de*signed to afford rights to individ*uals, are inadequate for the elimination of all existing inequalities unless parallel action is taken by governments, both sides of *industry and other bodies* concerned, to counteract the prejudicial effects on women's employment which arise from social attitudes, behaviour and structures." However, article 2(4), was, as a derogation *from an* individual right laid down in the directive, to be interpreted strictly.

National rules which guaranteed women absolute and unconditional priority for appointment or promotion went beyond promoting equal opportunities and overstepped the limits of the exception in article 2(4).

Furthermore, in so far as it sought to achieve equal representation of men and women in all grades and levels within a *department*, such a system substituted for equality of opportunity as envisaged in article 2(4) the result which was only to be arrived at by providing such equality of opportunity.

On those grounds the European Court of Justice ruled:

Article 2(1) and (4) of Directive 76/207 precluded national rules such as those in the present case which, where candidates of different sexes shortlisted for promotion were equally qualified, automatically gave priority to women in sectors where they were under-represented, under-representation being deemed to exist when women did not make up at least half of the staff in the individual pay brackets in the relevant personnel group or in the function levels provided for in the organisation chart.

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■ FILM 1

Nicole Kidman stars as the TV weather girl with pretensions in the vibrant comedy, *To Die For*



■ FILM 2

Steven Seagal saves the world yet again in the limp and brainless Hollywood sequel, *Under Siege 2*

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■ FILM 3

Despite everyone's best efforts, there is not much to recommend in the British ghost story, *Haunted*



■ FILM 4

The actor Anthony Andrews is back in the cinematic spotlight, but this time he's playing producer

The actor Anthony Andrews talks about life as a producer; plus the week's new releases, starring Nicole Kidman and Steven Seagal

Happy in his old haunts

Back in the early 1980s, two up-and-coming young actors starred in the television adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*. It launched Jeremy Irons on a film career which has embraced an Oscar (for *Reversal of Fortune*) and the role of the English villain in the latest *Die Hard* movie. Anthony Andrews, too, entered the American movie market with a strong performance in John Huston's *Under the Volcano* but his career never took off in quite the same high-profile way. This week, though, Andrews is back in the spotlight in another role altogether, as the producer of *Haunted*.

Andrews has no regrets about the different ways in which his and Irons's careers have developed. "We're very different characters and very different actors. I think my sights were set differently."



Andrews: saddled with an aristocratic image

His first producer credit did not come about until 1992, when he was invited to star in the Russian film *Lost in Siberia*. "They were particularly keen to make a Russian film that would work in the West, which was why I was cast. The moment I got involved, it became clear the only way I could help this to happen was to pick up the reins. So I became the producer as well."

Haunted is a ghost story, based on a novel by bestselling author James Herbert. Andrews acquired the rights six years ago, after buying the book at Gatwick airport as good holiday reading for his wife. She spotted its commercial potential as a film and insisted he read it. "It terrified the pants off me. But it was the hero's psychological dilemma that interested me most."

Coincidentally, the director Lewis Gilbert was also interested in filming Herbert's novel, so they joined forces. The finance — a modest $7.5 million — came not from America, however, but from a French distributor, Lumière, which was keen to move into the international English-speaking market. As that means appealing to a largely American audience, compromises had to be made. These included changes to the main character, to make him playable by American actor Aidan Quinn, and switching the setting from the present day to the period world of English aristocrats living in their ancestral pile amid the Sussex countryside of the 1920s.

Andrews was persuaded by Gilbert and "the money" to appear in the film as a middle-aged aristocrat, with more than a touch of Sebastian Flyte grown older. Even before *Brideshead*, however, he had been seen by casting directors as the English aristo type and he admits that *Brideshead* reinforced that image.

"There's a certain amount of hate that develops inside one to kick the image of Sebastian Flyte. At the same time it's something that I am eternally grateful for. It gave me the ability to work internationally, particularly in America. And you have to pay the bills."

Roles which have paid the bills in the past few years include a clutch of American mini-series, including playing the Duke of Windsor in *The Woman He Loved*. Andrews has turned down offers to star in long-running serials in America, preferring to give his children the sort of English upbringing he had himself. Surprisingly, that was a comparatively modest one.

Andrews's musician father met his mother, a dancer, in the 1940s. When his father died, she brought up five children. "I still don't have an inkling how she managed it," Andrews says. "I do remember the constant robbing of Peter to pay Paul, and not wanting to walk past certain shops because you owed them too much money. But what I remember more than anything else is a great deal of camaraderie and happiness."

CAROL ALLEN

Kidman goes down a storm

Geoff Brown enjoys the latest from the director Gus Van Sant

Isn't she something else?" Matt Dillon murmurs proudly of his wife. And so she is: a blonde WASP beauty from Little Hope, New Hampshire, with the smile of a cobra and a brain shrunken through years of addiction to American television. Surface appearances are everything to Nicole Kidman's character, a television weathergirl, in To Die For: Gorbachev would still be in power, she says, if only his birthmark had been removed.

Nearly every week a new American film comes along in praise of the clueless, the dumb and dumber, or the blank smile of a Forrest Gump. But *To Die For* is, well, something else. For one thing the director is Gus Van Sant, champion of counter-cultures, visual magician, the man who created *Drugstore Cowboy* and *My Own Private Idaho*.

For another, the script never rests content with the characters' relatively low IQ. In adapting Joyce Maynard's novel, Buck Henry digs deep, sets up a spoof documentary structure riddled with ironies, and sculpts shapely lines. So many films sit on the screen like a treacle pudding around the waist; this darts about, endlessly vibrant.

True, there is nothing new about criticising television for its vacuity, its creation of false gods, and glorification of crime. (At the start of the tale Matt Dillon, unglamorous owner of the town's Italian restaurant, lies dead, victim of Kidman's obsessive need for a glittering career.) But beyond the barbed satire, Van Sant cradles even the unlikeliest characters with sympathy. Especially the forlorn adolescents Kidman recruits to help to make a television documentary called *Teens Speak Out*: one is a broody punk, one a plump frump, another obsessed with private parts, and Van Sant loves them all.

They become Kidman's acolytes, puppets eager to help to remove the one seeming obstacle to a glorious career — an uncouth husband bent on starting a family. The part does not stretch Matt Dillon, but his dogged devotion to his monster wife is very appealing. The film's success, though, hinges on Kidman's ruthless heroine. She plays it cool and tight, and you quickly relish her wicked ways.

Eric Bogosian, the nutty villain in *Under Siege 2*, likes to entertain his foes with profound thoughts. "Chance favours the prepared mind" is one. "Technology can be used for beauty or debasement" is another. The film itself plumps for debasement: nobody watching this dismal exercise in pleasing the lowest of common denominators would ever guess that action movies can have well-integrated special effects, sensible characters and plots that grip.

The first *Under Siege* was no earth-shaker, but it delivered its goods with a flourish, even with the impassive Steven Seagal as leading man. Lightning does not strike twice. But the storyline does. After saving the world from nuclear destruction when an American battleship is hijacked by rogue military warriors, Seagal's special operative turned cook now saves the world when a train is hijacked by more rogue males, led by a cracked technological genius able to grab control of a government satellite weapon secretly orbiting the globe.

This is the *Die Hard* formula. Seagal does not seek trouble; he runs into it. Travelling on the train with his niece, he works his way through, under and over the carriages, kicking and blasting the opposition to bits. There is much back projection of the Rockies, and much awful dialogue flatly delivered. There is also a director going to waste. Geoff Murphy started out in New Zealand making *Goodbye Pork Pie* and *The Quiet Earth*, films alive to character, landscape and his country's culture. Now he makes Hollywood factory product: films with no flavour and no brain.

To Die For
Warner West End, 15, 107 mins
Gus Van Sant's delicious social satire

Under Siege 2
Warner West End, 18, 99 mins
Die Hard *on a train*

Take Care of Your Scarf, Tatjana
ICA Cinema, 65 mins
Splendid comic gloom from Aki Kaurismäki

The Life and Extraordinary Adventures of Private Ivan Chonkin
Renoir, 15, 105 mins
Pleasant satire, but its time has passed

Haunted
Empire, 15, 110 mins
Tedious British ghost story



Woman on top: Nicole Kidman is the ruthlessly ambitious wife of Matt Dillon's restaurant owner in *To Die For*

There is no doubting the origins of **Take Care of Your Scarf, Tatjana**. This hails from Aki Kaurismäki country, that land of deadpan humour, melancholia, rock music and booze that Kaurismäki has carved out of his native Finland. Recent trips to the territory have not been too rewarding: *Leningrad Cowboys meet Moses* was deservedly passed over for British distribution. But *Tatjana* is another matter: this hour-long tale of two morose men on the road in the 1960s, struggling to connect with two Russian girls bound for a ferry home, is exquisitely comic and tender, and beautifully shot in black and white.

Kaurismäki's men are his usual sort: black leather jackets, greasy hair, addicted to coffee and vodka. The Russian girls chatter about crop yields and throw out flirtatious signals. But the men scarcely look in their faces: one hand placed awkwardly around a shoulder is the extent of body contact. The sense of lost lives, cut off from the world, is amplified by the soundtrack: rock 'n' roll numbers may set the scene (one of the men, played by Matti Pellonpää, fancies himself a rocker), but it is the anguish of Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique* that dominates.

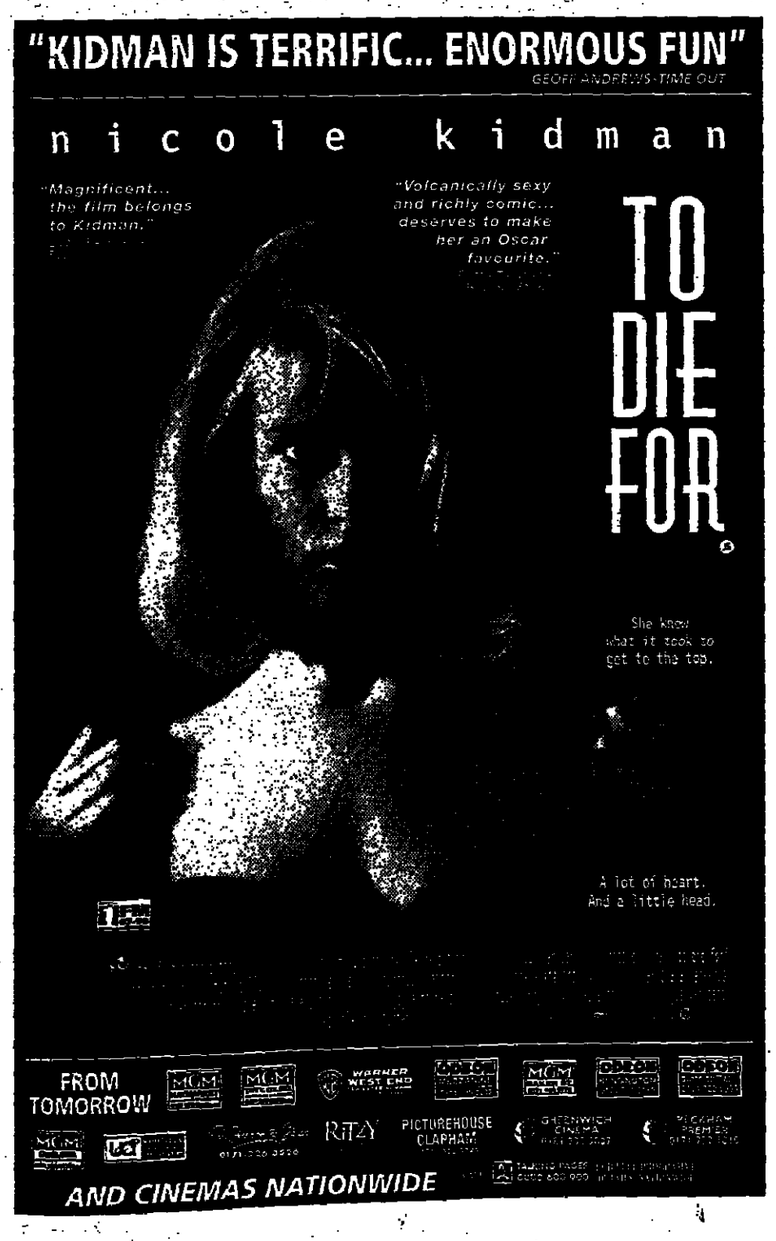
Kaurismäki pares his film to the bone. No shot is too protracted, no gesture unnecessary. But if the images are precise, the effect is complex: when love appears to sprout between these zombies, absurdity and poignancy go hand in hand. Kaurismäki's troupe have his minimalist style to perfection: none more so than the lamented Pellonpää, the weasel-faced actor featured in many Kaurismäki films, who died earlier this year.

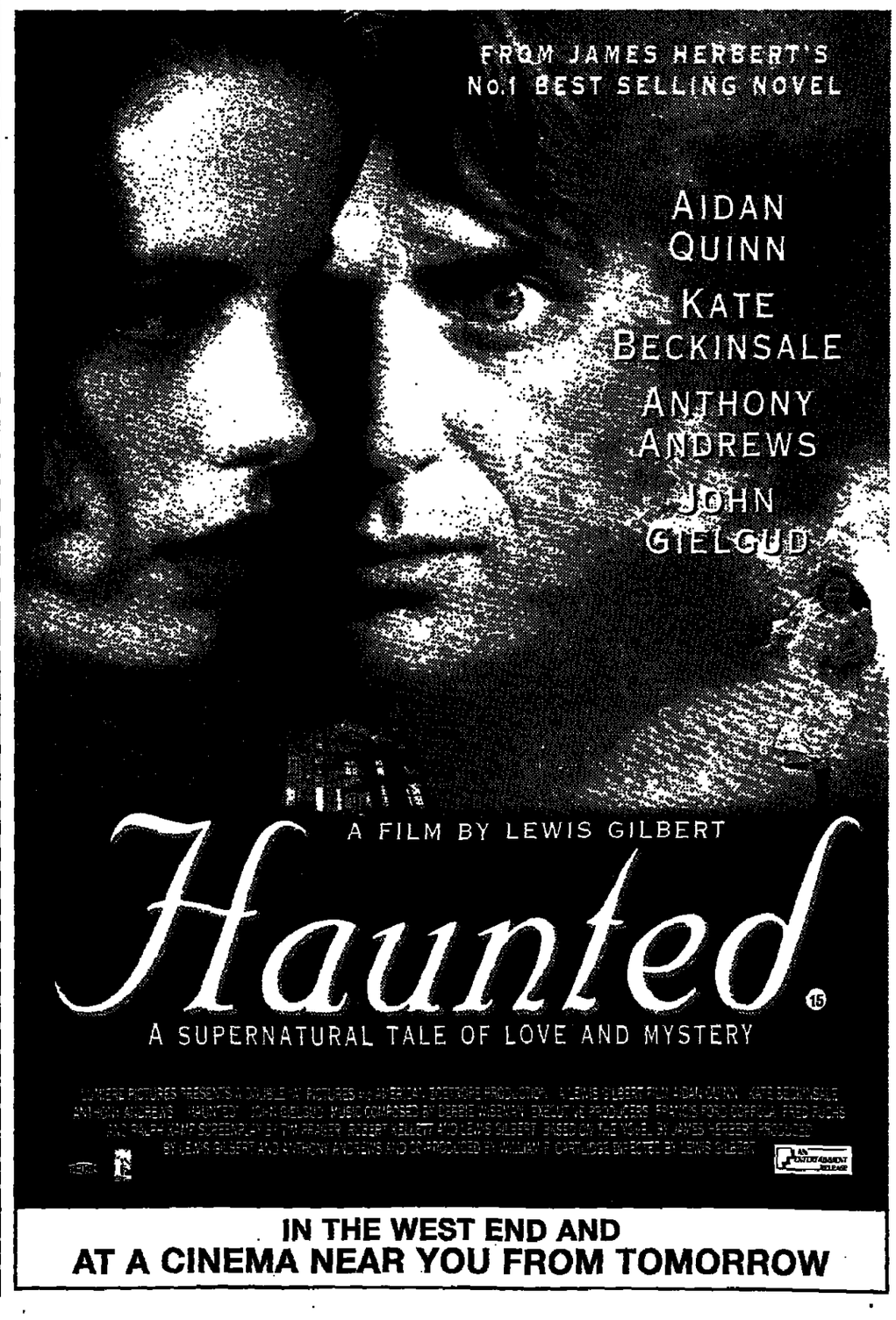
Any melancholy lingering from *Tatjana* will evaporate with its companion piece at the ICA, *Total Balaleika Show*. This is Kaurismäki's hour-long record of a 1992 Helsinki concert blending the rock sounds of the Leningrad Cowboys, famous for their quiffs and pointed boots, with the hearty chorus, brass and banjos of the Red Army Ensemble. The two groups perform separately, but the film's magic is strongest when they fuse for rock numbers such as *Happy Together*. Good music, fun and friendship pour from the screen: this must be the happiest film around.

The Life and Extraordinary Adventures of Private Ivan Chonkin is another by-product of Communism's collapse. After Vladimir Voinovich's comic novel about a doltish soldier in the Second World War and the absurdities of Russia's military machine was published in the West in 1969, the author faced persecution and exile. But with the Iron Curtain lifted, it was possible to mount a film version, using funds from five European countries, and to hire the director Jiří Menzel, ornament of the Czech New Wave 30 years ago, and a man trapped for too long making careful exercises in nostalgia.

Unfortunately the passing of time has made *Ivan Chonkin* seem if not superfluous then certainly old-fashioned. History has removed the material's sting, leaving us with a gentle tale of human folly, of frolics in the potato field and mindless military bureaucracy. Directing his Russian cast on Czech locations, Menzel's affection for his characters shines through; and Zoya Burjak's heroine beams with peasant spirit. But you cannot escape the feeling of watching a film made a little too slackly, 30 years too late.

In **Haunted**, based on James Herbert's novel, *The Turn of the Screw* meets *Brideshead Revisited*. Look at the prop list: one governess who sees ghosts, three children, one stately home, one Anthony Andrews. To help the mixture to go down in America, there is also an American star, Aidan Quinn: the sudden appearance of his nasal drawl from the mouth of a character previously seen as a nice English boy is the film's first shock. Director Lewis Gilbert, a battle-scarred veteran of the British cinema, works hard at generating others, but a terrible script and a crawling pace make all effort redundant.







CHOICE 1

Matthew Kelly stars in a staging of *The Cabinet of Doktor Caligari*

VENUE: All week at the Lyric, Hammersmith



CHOICE 2

Max Stafford-Clark directs Timberlake Wertenbaker's *The Break of Day*

VENUE: All week at the Leicester Haymarket

THE TIMES ARTS



POP

No airs or graces, just powerful music-making from Alison Moyet in her absorbing Albert Hall gig



DANCE

Compelling stage pictures are painted by the duo known as Mal Pelo, the "bad hair" group from Spain

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

JOLSON: Opening night for the story of the first man to speak in movies, with Brian Conley in the lead and a sequence of songs from the Jolson repertoire. Rob Bettinson directs a £2 million slice of backstage life musical. Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; Wed, Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

ART AND POWER: The Hayward uses this anniversary year to launch a groundbreaking exhibition, *Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945*. A stark look at how art, architecture and film were subverted and used as propaganda to further the ideals of the regimes of Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini. Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-928 3144). Mon, Thurs-Sun, 10am-6pm; Tue and Wed, 10am-8pm. Until Jan 21 Ⓢ

THE CABINET OF DOKTOR CALIGARI: A stage version of the German silent classic, premiered at Nottingham. Good sets, unearthly music, pointless dancing but a haunting performance by John Ramm as Matthew Kelly's sleepwalking killer. Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Previews tonight-Oct 30, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 31, 7pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: Etchings of 31 animals, birds, insects and other creatures make up a touring exhibition of Picasso: **Histoire Naturelle.** Considered by many to be one of his most important graphic productions, and commissioned by the picture dealer and publisher Ambroise Vollard to accompany Buffon's 18th-century masterpiece. Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Argyle Street (0141-221 9600). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 11am-5pm. Until Jan 7.

LEICESTER: The second work in Out of Joint's two-play, pre-London tour is *Timberlake Wertenbaker's* **The Break of Day**, set 100 years after the first play, **Three Sisters**, i.e. now. An excellent cast includes Kate Ashfield, Anita Dobson, Mena Friedmen. Max Stafford-Clark directs. Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0116-253 9797) Previews tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Opens Oct 30, 7.30pm, until Nov 4. Ⓢ

NORWICH: Northern Ballet Theatre takes its production of *The Brontës* back on the road this week. Christopher Gable and Gillian Lynne use the lives and works of the sisters Charlotte, Emily and Anne as their inspiration for their piece, and when it premiered earlier this year it seemed perhaps too many good stories packed into one evening. But that was last season. Theatre Royal, Theatre Street (01603 630000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats today, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

SALISBURY: Final week of performances for the season opener Nicholas La Prevost's grand-looking production of **An Ideal Husband**, Wilde's witty and perceptive exposé of sleaze in high political places. Nicholas Boulton's Goring cuts a particularly dapper figure. Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (01722-320 333). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats today, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ *Some seats available*
□ Seats at all prices

Ⓢ **EDDIE IZZARD:** The quirky comedian returns for another season of surreal musings on life. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399) Tue-Sat, 8pm. Sun, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

□ ***FUNNY MONEY:*** *Ray Cooney plays* the man who finds a bag of bank-notes in his latest farce; Charlie Drake excellent as a sorely-tried taxi-driver. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

□ **HOBSON'S CHOICE.** Leo McKern in the title role of Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy. Nichola McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent as daughter and son-in-law. Lyric, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

■ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC:** Elegant and successful production by Sean Mathias of Sondheim's Swedish charmer. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Sian Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shining in the night. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats today and Sat, 2pm. Ⓢ

◪ **MACK AND MABEL:** The Jerry Herman musical set in early Hollywood where the careers of Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand unfold and clash. Fine songs, though a troublesome book; Paul Kerryson directs. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) Now previewing, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Opens Nov 7, 7pm.

◪ **SALAD DAYS:** The magic piano plays again. Touring production of the engaging Julian Slade/Dorothy Reynolds musical, with Kit and the Widow in the company, and directed by Ned Sherrin. Richmond, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **MARABI:** South Africa's Junction Avenue Theatre bring a jazz-dance-drama based on the urban discontent in 1935 Johannesburg. Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (0181-534 0310). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Final week. Ⓢ

□ **THE MASTER BUILDER:** Peter Hall's cosy version of Ibsen, with Alan Bates, Gemma Jones and Victoria Hamilton. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

◪ **A PATRIOT FOR ME:** James Wilby plays the glum Austro-Hungarian officer trapped by his homosexuality into betraying his emperor. John Osborne's sour play, directed by Peter Gill. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. Ⓢ

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood. Anthony Page directs. Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CANADIAN BACON (PG): The US strafes Canada with insults. Clumsy, one-joke comedy from documentary maverick Michael Moore, with John Candy and Alan Alda. MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **CLUELESS** (12): Life and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers. Frivolous fun from director Amy Heckerling, with Alicia Silverstone. MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Fulham Rd (0171-370 2636) Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) Plaza (0171-437 1234) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MORTAL KOMBAT** (15): Cinema version of the video game, all fights and special effects. With Christopher Lambert. Director, Paul Anderson. MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Marble Arch (01426 914501) Swiss Cottage (01426 914096) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NINE MONTHS** (12): Hugh Grant's Hollywood debut: a messy, crude comedy about parenthood from Home Alone director Chris Columbus. With Julianne Moore.

Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet Ⓢ (0171-727 5705) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914096) West End (01426 915574) Screen/ Baker Street (0171-935 2772)

IL POSTINO (U): Heartwarming delight about a simple man opening his eyes to poetry. Wonderful performance by the late Massimo Troisi, directed by Michael Radford. Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) Gate Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) Metro (0171-437 0757) MGM Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Hill Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

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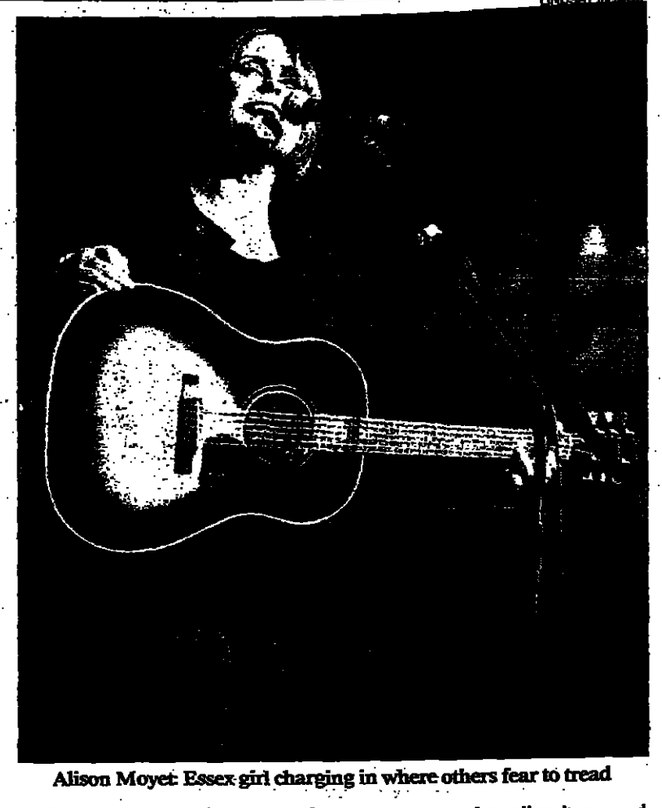
◆ **ASSASSINS** (15): Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas. MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

LAND AND FREEDOM (15): Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War drama, with Ian Hart, Rosana Pastor. Chelsea (0171-351 3742) Clapham Picture (0171-498 3323) Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) Renoir (0171-837 8402) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Green (0171-226 3520)

◆ **THE NET** (12): New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril. MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Haymarket (0171-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Mezzanine Ⓢ (01426 915683) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **POCAHONTAS** (U): Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after Aladdin and The Lion King. Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Leicester Square (01426 915683) Swiss Cottage (01426 914096) Screen/Baker Street (0171-935 2772) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

The star who lives next door



LINDSAY MACGREGOR

Alison Moyet: Essex girl charging in where others fear to tread

■ POP

Alison Moyet
Albert Hall

On the wet street outside stand coaches down for the evening from Rayleigh, Colchester and their environs. Alison Moyet has always been proud to be an Essex girl — her most recent studio LP was called *Basildon*, in honour of her birthplace — and Essex remains proud of her.

So no airs assumed or graces striven for. "I sound like a fishwife, don't I?" she observes of her between-songs speaking voice. Meanwhile, its musical counterpart exhibits all the wave-defying force of a trawler ploughing nets full, back into port. The opening half of a divided set would appear to have been conceived as some sort of Unplugged, but the 34-year-old still executes it with surges of power that could sap the National Grid and cause lights all over London to dim.

An opening take on Ewan MacColl's *The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face* pretty much sets the tone, with Moyet flailing her arms and appearing to head imaginary footballs in those odd moments when she is not giving its lyric a good seeing-to. Roberta Flack breathed the words as if they were a litany too sacred to issue from the human mouth, but our Alison bites them off, chews them thoroughly and then spits them out. You feel thrilled, unnerved and in need of protective headgear, all at the same time. The vintage Ketty Lester track *Love Letters* gets more respectful treatment, but rather loses its melody along the way. Her own *All Cried Out* falls between the two stools; the delivery is less ferocious, but its tune goes awol. A fine and faithful reading of *Only You*, her 1982 hit as vocalist with Yazoo, brings us to intermission time. "Now you can empty your bladders and get the beers in," coaxes our hostess.

Then she's back, and still in black. "I bet you were expecting a change of outfit," she predicts correctly. "I was considering sequins, but they don't do much for a fat girl's hips." There is a similar, straight-talking, unwillingness to compromise in bringing her music to the masses. Many of those here have been lured in by ownership of her recent, chart-topping compilation of past singles, and are left looking alarmed by the likes of *Love Resurrection* being revisited under thuggish new arrangements. The preponderance of non-hit material too makes it perfectly clear that her self-image is as anything but a cabaret artist.

The encores are the truest moments, exposing both strengths and weaknesses. Jacques Brel's *Ne Me Quitte Pas*, sung in French, is absurdly overwrought and almost loud enough to be heard in Le Havre, but remains oddly touching for all that. A sly, self-revealing romp through *A Thing I'd Never Do*, the semi-poignant good-time girl song from *Grease*, proves the most absorbing performance of all, though. This is Moyet both justifying her persona and sending it up, and finally it places all the bluff and bombast in something approaching an appreciable context.

ALAN JACKSON

Good hair and bad politics

■ DANCE

*Mal Pelo — the "bad hair" group from Spain returning to the Place as part of Dance Umbrella — has an oblique style that intrigues rather than frustrates. The long slabs of song and speech in Spanish and Italian were a definite hindrance; but Pep Ramis and Maria Muñoz, the two performer-directors who make up Mal Pelo, think in such vivid pictures that the eye was consistently captivated.

These stage pictures have an almost Japanese flavour in their powerfully spare, symbolic representations and focus on rustic, organic nature — on wood, straw, water. They bring their own distinct layer, running parallel to the words, but obviously inspired by and occasionally converging with them.

In the opening solo, *Dol*, Ramis includes a rope, winged tricycle and empty birdcage in depicting a man's confrontation with the death of someone he loves, whose soul has flown away like a bird. *Zarco*, which formed the rest of the programme, presents three successive situations and settings in which Ramis, Munoz and the cellist Tristan Honsinger interact, sometimes swapping functions so that Honsinger also moves and speaks and at one point Ramis plays a second cello.

In *Mar de Pablo*, the final instalment of this trilogy, Honsinger narrates the tale of Pablo, who has never seen the sea, and Marina, who talks to him about the sea and takes care of him. Honsinger stands on a platform planted with a tree and an aquarium, which might be the lonely puddle Pablo used to inhabit before meeting Marina, or the sea he imagines.

The stories are as timeless and strange as fables, and in each Munoz appears as an entirely different person: fat and motherly; a lively young girl; a mature, orange-robed woman whirling to a waltz in solitary romantic infatuation.

The dance language of Mal Pelo is as economical and non-synthetic as its design, but it has intense precision in its channelled energy and bold graphic contours. Above all, in Mal Pelo Spanish new dance possesses supremely accomplished ambassadors.

If I were a lesbian, I would be very angry about Gay Sweatshop's "lesbian horror ballet" *The Hand* (now at the Hackney Empire). Given that this piece's five lesbian characters could just as logically have been heterosexual men and women, it must surely have gay activism on its agenda.

But then why paint lesbianism as homicidal erotomania, a madhouse of perversions? This would perhaps be acceptable as an inverted joke, a take-on the prejudice against homosexuality. But although this collaborative piece piles on dismembered bodies with as much frenzy as it uses the F and C words, it rarely managed to raise a titter at its outrageousness.

The text, mostly written by Stella Duffy, has ambitions to fine writing, but labours leadenly. The plot ends apocalyptically, with heaving, blood-spattered figures and declarations about chaos, which seem more like a cop-out than a resolution.

Emilyn Claid (co-director with Lois Weaver) has choreographed sequences which might look better if the performers were professional dancers. However, since her purpose is to equate squalor with titillation I do not think I would ever find them appealing. The explicit simulations of sexual acts and physical abuse suggest that the team is not only determined to tell a story, but, like swaggering, defiant teenagers who have just discovered sex, to shove the discovery in our faces.

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The Phoenician Women
Stratford

To say that everything she touches turns to gold might annoy Katie Mitchell. Like Shakespeare's Bassanio, she knows the value of plain lead. Again and again she has stripped stages to their bare boards and given us costumes of simple grey, and again and again she has created more tension than directors who have splattered theatres with every hue in the spectrum.

She does the same at the Other Place, and her reward is the rehabilitation (or perhaps I should say *habilitation*) of a play that has been ignored or underrated for more than 2,000 years.

The first problem with Euripides's *Phoenician Women* is that we know the characters from acknowledged masterpieces: Sophocles's *Oedipus at Colonus* and *Antigone*, Aeschylus's *Seven against Thebes*. When you hear Eteocles talk about defending his city from his brother's invasion, or Creon forbid Polyneices's burial after the siblings have killed each other, you cannot help wondering if an upstart playwright is not exploiting his elders.

But that is nonsense. The great Greek tragedians felt duty-bound to keep treating the key legends, which is why we have versions of Orestes's murder of his mother from all three. But Sophocles and Aeschylus were selective and concentrated when they wrote about the collapse of the House of Laius and of his son and scourge, Oedipus. They made whole plays out of key incidents, while Euripides packed in pretty well the entire myth in a 130-minute sprawl that academics continue to find shallow and melodramatic.

You can see their point. Euripides begins by introducing Jocasta, who has not only failed to commit suicide after discovering her husband is her son, but seems still to be shacked up with the blind, deposed Oedipus in Thebes itself. She retells the whole sad tale: grim prophecies, ancient Greek road rage, and all. And on we go, via the battle of the brothers, via guest-appearances by the eternal Teiresias and Oedipus himself, to what may and may not be a spurious ending, with Antigone promising to bury her brother and take her father to his apotheosis at Colonus. It is sketchy and even confused at times, but, as Mitchell directs the play, it is real, real, real. When Lorraine Ashbourne's blunt, grimy Jocasta mentally trudges through that awful life-story for what must be the billionth time, you feel her numb disbelief and almost bored pain. When she confronts Dermot Kerrigan's Polyneices, who has come from Argos to claim Thebes from his brother, her moods switch from joy to relief, to resentment to anger to anxiety to fear, as any mother's might. There, everywhere, myth becomes man-sized.

But that is not enough to justify reviving the play. If Euripides has reduced a mountain to a molehill, why should we care? If he has yet again warned us of the callousness of curse-happy gods, does it matter? But although everyone from Athena to Dionysus is invoked during the evening, it is clear that fierce human passion rather than divine caprice explains the corpses that pack the stage at the end. This is a play about ambition, greed, intransigence, and the threat and terror of war.

That is not surprising, as it was written in AD409, when Sparta was getting dangerously close to doing to Athens what Polyneices's Argos tries to do to Eteocles's Thebes. What is surprising is that the speeches about the stupidity and bestiality of Greek killing Greek and brother menacing brother have dated so little. The great central scene in which Jocasta brings all her sense and foresight to the task of mediating between her warring sons may and may not have stirred consciences among Athens's less fat-headed citizens. It certainly touches chords, or discords, today.

To meet Sean Murray's Eteocles is not only to meet the Athenian envoys who ended up justifying the destruction of Melos on the grounds that might was right. It is to meet scores of this century's leaders, Kaiser Bill to Saddam Hussein. Polyneices is ugly enough, prepared as he is to ruin the city of his birth, but at least he has justice on his side. The only half-altruistic motive Eteocles claims is the still-familiar one that it will be humiliating for Thebes to give in to threats. His real argument is that a throne is worth the shedding of any amount of other people's blood: "Save morality for issues less tremendous."

It is enthralling stuff: but then so are the play's lesser events, which include the evolution of Lucy Whybrow's Antigone from a nervous, excited girl to the hurt, outraged woman Sophocles knew, and, by way of demonstrating the alternatives to cynicism and hate, the attempt of Creon's son Menoeceus to save Thebes by sacrificing himself.

As for the chorus, it trips and circles in simple gowns in front of tiny candlelit statues. That is enough, indeed more than enough, for this is a production where less is always more and understatement usually eloquence.

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Trouble Sleeping
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THE flat lonely fens must be our answer to America's red-neck heartland, *Kate Bassett writes*. Nick Ward's new play, staged by the writer, returns to the East Anglian farmlands of his screen drama *Dakota Road*. In *Trouble Sleeping*, Terry Daley is still living with his mother. Played by neanderthal-jawed Peter-Hugo Daly, he slumps, stares, polishes his shotgun and watches porn videos in the small hours. Sandra Voe's Mrs Daley is a simple churchgoing widow, but her possessiveness mingles with her subservience. Then Ursula (Eve Pearce), her long-absent sister, arrives, simultaneously begging care and staking her claim to the farm, with Angela, a young prostitute, in tow. Terry, jealous and allured, stalks the house like an inbred nightmare.

Ward has a sensitive ear for inarticulate talk. Pearce has unsettling proprietorial forcefulness. However, the piece is not yet sharp. Daly is comic but could be more disturbing. Miranda Pleasence's manipulative Angela does not turn the screw to generate real tension. Voe appears uncomfortable with her monologues. Jane Singleton's design tunes into the play's mix of slice-of-life and surrealism, the kitchen sink and shelves of bleak crockery set against a washed-out skyscape of light clouds.

Ward's drama, however, drifts rather than coming to the boil. True, his starting point is a world of slow-wits where, it seems, nothing happens. Mrs Daley cooks an egg, inertly watching the steam rise. There is bold experimentation and humour in such a curtain-raiser. But, dragged on, it all starts to smell of rotten timing.

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Goole is a spiritual private eye interrogating the guilty consciences of the upper bracket. They are collectively implicated in the death of a working-class girl, their chain of thoughtless dismissals culminating in her suicide. For their sins, Goole comes knocking on and on for eternity.

And here, again, is Stephen Daldry's award-winning production, which started at the National in 1992 and went on to the West End and then Broadway. There is clearly no law against reviving revivals. All well and good, it turns out. This strongly recast staging proves fresh and firm.

There is the odd wobble from the hinged walls of designer Ian MacNeil's big doll's house, but that is eclipsed by the power of the symbolic vision of decent façades and class barriers stripped away. This dark dreamscape is still stunning. The house, standing on perilous stilts and with alarmingly overgrown *nouveaux riches* inhabitants, lords it over a wasteland of cratered cobbles.

Helen Schlesinger is superb as Miss Birling, smiling with glazed eyes like a prettily frocked Edwardian automaton, soon shaken out of her naivety into brave new moral responsibility. Tom Goodman-Hill shines as her brother, starting like a public school twerp with a comic jerkiness which grows into stricken shaking. Edward Peel is slightly stiff as their papa, the industrial magnate, but Susan Engel is amusingly ghastly as his supercilious wife, rounding off an "I beg your pardon?" like a cornered rattlesnake turning on Nicholas Woodeson's tiny but tough Goole.

The theatrical framing of Priestley's play, watched by a little lad who tugs on the faded velvet curtain and kicks a wireless into life, is a wee bit cute. Priestley himself does bang on with obvious didacticism, but he steers the plot in surprising directions. Stephen Warbeck's old-style thriller music is fun. Meanwhile, Goole, calling the comfortably-off to account for wrecking countless poor lives with miserly pay, mercenary sackings and scant charity, has an alarmingly modern ring.

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Roger Scruton on a critique of French intellectuals

Treason in the cafés

I suppose I am typical of my generation of Englishmen, in having received an education which was largely apolitical. The modern books that most impressed me during adolescence — Eliot's *Four Quartets*, Leavis's *Revaluation*, Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations* — seemed to me to have no political message. My teachers at school and university made no show of their political opinions, and only occasionally hinted at what they might be. By the time of graduation I had lighted on my intellectual heroes — Wagner, Eliot, Joyce, Schoenberg, Wittgenstein and Rilke — but admired them for reasons which had nothing to do with politics, thinking them to be far above such mundane concerns. It was a rude shock to find myself in Paris, surrounded by contemporaries who spent their days throwing stones at policemen, their evenings studying Althusser, and their brief moments of leisure trading paradoxes from Foucault's *Les Mots et les choses*.



Lévy: searching his soul

ADVENTURES ON THE FREEDOM ROAD
By Bernard-Henri Lévy
Harvill, £20

I read the works which my French contemporaries took with them to the barricades, and was amazed. Those clean white paperbacks seemed to contain no arguments, no observations of reality, no history or criticism, but only words — words arranged according to a political agenda, and regardless of their sense. And always it was the same agenda. The writer was locked in combat with something called the bourgeoisie: this thing had been in power for a long time — since 1789 to be precise — and was the fount of all oppression. The writer, however, had won through the written word a path to liberation — and his message was being made available to the reader. Whether Sartre in *Saint Genet*, Foucault in the *Histoire de la folie*, Barthes in *L'Ecriture degré zero*, the writer had one thing of overriding urgency to convey: all forms, all manners, all morals and structures are merely the instruments of bourgeois dominion, and all is permitted to the one who wishes to smash them down.

This stuff was in due course to infect the English and American universities. At the time, however, it merely persuaded me to side with the French bourgeoisie, with de Gaulle as their representative, the police as their defenders and Valéry as their poet laureate. It also prompted certain questions which refused to go away. When we English speak of an "educated" person, or a "scholar", we generally mean someone who stands above the *mêlée* of political life. When the French speak of an intellectual, they mean someone who is fighting in the midst of it, but with words rather than deeds. How did this phenomenon of the intellectual arise, and how should it now be judged? Those are the questions which Bernard-Henri Lévy addresses in this book, and consideration of them is surely long overdue.

Lévy traces the story back to the Dreyfus case, and Zola's famous declaration — *J'accuse*. Not all of Zola's successors, he points out, have been on the Left. There was Charles Maurras and *Action Française*, Drieu La Rochelle and the Nazis, and a host of lesser figures who rushed to join the Resistance during the last months of the occupation. Nevertheless, the majority of those who have adopted the life of the French intellectual have consecrated that life to some political cause — usually leftist, revolutionary and offensive to the decencies of Catholic France. In the course of doing so they have produced more disgusting apologetics for tyranny than have soiled the entire history of literature — and Lévy documents with devastating effect some of the worst of them.

In my day the hero was Mao — and not a word could be uttered in 1968 against this mass murderer, whose imbecile writings were being sold by the thousand on the Boulevard St Michel, and whose prison uniform, imposed on the Chinese as a token of their enslavement, was willingly adopted by their Parisian contemporaries as a sign of "liberation" from the "structures". Sartre was particularly poisonous in encouraging this idolatry which he passed on to the Cambodian students who were to return home to participate in the ruin of their country. Later Foucault was to sing the praises of the Iranian "revolution" under Ayatollah Khomeini, while before my day the idol had been Stalin, Lenin or Trotsky.

Lévy is himself a French intellectual and was for a time prone to the disease that he describes. He is softer on his contemporaries than I would have been, is still persuaded — as I am not — that the Republican cause in Spain was the right one, and remains wedded to the conception of "human rights" that animated the French Revolution and which is, in my view, at the root of leftist apologetics for tyranny. He seems to recognise that Sartre, at least, was engaged in open warfare not with the bourgeoisie, but with the God of Jews and Christians, whose impertinent sovereignty leaves so little room for His earthly competitors.

But Lévy does not draw the obvious conclusion. His narrative is short on explanations, and peters out in anecdote whenever they are truly required. This may be because *Adventures* is also "the book of the film", containing passages of dialogue with survivors that no doubt made more sense when part of the original television series than they do on the page. While he has done a valuable service in collating so much information, Lévy has not really looked beyond the symptoms of the "intellectual disease" to its underlying cause — perhaps because that would have required him to look more deeply into his own heart.

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François Boucher's *Resting Girl* (1752) depicts Louise Murphy, mistress of Louis XV; Diderot had no time for Boucher's "breasts and buttocks"

First critic of modern art

Angelica Goodden

DIDEROT ON ART
I: The Salon of 1765 and Notes on Painting
II: The Salon of 1767
Edited by John Goodman
Yale University Press, £30/£12.95pbk each vol.

THE WOMAN OF IDEAS IN FRENCH ART, 1830-1848
By Janis Bergman-Carton
Yale University Press, £20

The French *philosophe* Denis Diderot was confident that posthumous fame would be his. Since he published very little (apart from the *Encyclopédie*), he could speak his mind freely in private or semi-private manuscripts, such as his contributions to the *Correspondance Littéraire*, a handwritten periodical which had a tiny readership, though Catherine the Great and Frederick the Great were both subscribers. The *Salons* are clearly the pioneering work of modern art criticism. They are also a trenchant account of the state of French art between 1759 and 1781: Diderot had no fear of the censors or the artistic establishment.

His qualifications as critic of the biennial Louvre exhibitions were perhaps more obvious to him than to others. If he initially knew little about matters of artistic technique, his readers probably knew less; Diderot's easy, conversational style of writing (not always well preserved in this translation) made his commentaries as accessible to them as his fiction was. Besides, he had a powerful visual imagination and memory, claiming to be able to conjure up every picture seen in a gallery 20 years before. Imagination could take him far from the work itself, it is true: "Enormous composition, enormous bit of foolishness," he announces, before recomposing a picture as he would have liked to see it himself. He was, after all, the man whose suggestions for pictorial subjects were applauded by major artists of the time, and who apparently exclaimed: "*Son' pittor anch' io!*" ("I am a painter too") as he wrote his novel *La Religieuse*.

His taste for storytelling makes the *Salons* readable, but also diminishes their documentary usefulness. How was Catherine II to decide on the French paintings she needed for the Hermitage if Diderot told her not what a picture was, but what it should be? He chafed at the absence of reproductive facilities that would have eased his task: how much less reportage he would have to do, he noted in the 1767 *Salon*, if his readers all possessed sketches of the works he was discussing. Out of frustration, he wove supplementary stories even around pictures he admired, like Vernet's landscapes or Fragonard's mythological canvas *Corésus et Callirhoé* (which Diderot describes as a series of *tableaux mouvants* presented in the cave of Plato's *Republic*).

This makes him an ambiguous critic in more ways than one. Though he was enraged when Boucher became First Painter in 1765, saying that he was tired of breasts and buttocks, he reacted very differently to Greuze's suggestiveness: Greuze was both a preacher of bourgeois morality and a man who enjoyed painting sexually provocative women, and Diderot loved his work. He also enthused over Chardin, bringing a more purely aesthetic appreciation to his still-lifes and portraits. Yet he exaggerated Chardin's devotion to the real, perhaps as a sharp contrast with the "little infamies" of the Rococo school. Chardin is not the mere copyist Diderot describes, but an interpreter of nature too.

Diderot too interprets, to the joy of some and the annoyance of others. His task, he thought, was in one respect harder than the artist's: he had to convey a visual object with words, not paint. Despite wanting to be "simple and true" with Chardin, or "pathetic" with Greuze, he knew that words fell short of the depiction: it is impossible to *describe* Vernet's scenes, he cried, one must *see* them. Yet his work fully exploits the expressive possibilities of language, mingling dialogue and soliloquy, lyricism and *argot*, the sublime register and the language of the *atelier*.

The *Salons* display their author's moral fervour and his sensuality, his liking for decorum and his penchant for horror, melodrama and high sentimentality. One reads them as a subjective response to art, not a dry catalogue of exhibits. As he grew older, Diderot became discouraged at the ungratefulness of his task: private criticism, he knew, could not change the course of painting. No doubt this explains the brevity and baldness of the last *Salons*. But at their best they illustrate a great writer's sustained effort to discover the laws of artistic creation.

What defined the woman of ideas in Louis-Philippe's France? According to Janis Bergman-Carton's *Women of Ideas in French Art*, it was a taste for reading books rather than cuddling babies (which makes Emma Bovary an unlikely member of the tribe). Alternatively, it might have been a penchant for transvestism ("the performative act of moving costumed through public space"), or an enthusiasm for engaging in the kind of protest against male dominion associated with the cross-dresser George Sand, whose novels are filled with women frustrated and maddened by their lack of education and the slavery of marriage.

Parisian women of ideas launched various magazines that "articulated the feminist agenda" in the 1830s and 1840s, so contributing to what the critic Sainte-Beuve called "*la littérature industrielle*". Their reward was to be caricatured by artists like Daumier, a Rousseauist who had no truck with women's liberation from domesticity: he wanted them to remain angelic breast-feeders, not scribblers bent over piles of pamphlets.

An interesting short book could have been written about the proliferation of anti-blue-stocking prints under the July Monarchy. But Bergman-Carton attempts more, seeking to pinpoint the same motif in "high" art. The subject, though, proves elusive: apart from the ever-present George Sand, Flaubert's mistress Louise Colet and a few *salonières*, the thinking-woman-in-oils is striking by her absence. If she is never viciously attacked *à la Daumier*, that is because she is, as the author ruefully acknowledges, "never even identified".

Why not? Surely, in part, because of residual anti-feminism. Louis-Philippe's France saw notable feminist activity in intellectual and political life, but artists rarely celebrated it. Were they closet misogynists, if less explicit than Rousseau and Napoleon had been? If the noble art of painting refused to lower itself to the caricaturist's level, it could simply, and decorously, choose to ignore the phenomenon of the *femme savante*.

But there may have been more purely artistic reasons. Intellectual activity is easier to lampoon than to exalt. One solution was to resort to symbolism. Vigée Le Brun's faintly ludicrous portrait of Mme de Staël shows that quintessential woman of ideas improvising on a lyre, like the heroine of Staël's bestseller *Corinne* (wrongly described here as a letter-novel).

Flaubert's ideal was to write a book about nothing. This is a book with no more than half a subject, and is altogether redeemed by the attention to style which was Flaubert's other obsession.

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OUR LADY OF THE POTATOES
By Duncan Sprott
Faber, £8.99 pbk original

It is Hobart Town, Tasmania, 1869: over 50 years since Britain first set in train the ruthless persecutions which were gradually to extinguish the native population. *Elysium* is based on the true story of the last pure-bred male Tasmanian Aborigine on the island. As the novel opens, the reader finds William Charles Edward Albert Lanné in the grip of the authorities, and awaiting the arrival of James Fairfax, a young English geneticist who has come to study him.

Elysium unfolds the haunting moment of the dying of a nation's history. "There is no way forward," says Eumarah, the aged Aborigine woman with whom Lanné lives. "They draw their lines with you and me . . . with you and me they close their book." Any attempts at evasion are useless. For the dissolute, but sharply intelligent Lanné, destiny is a stake to which he will be tied, "expectation piled like brushwood at his feet".

The Tasmania which Robert Edric depicts is a stagnant place. The land is in the grip of a terrible drought which has parched the rivers, kindled bushfires, and spawned a cholera plague. Human sensitivities shrink and congeal in the burning heat. The colonisers' culture has blown rootless as tumbleweed over a desiccated land, scattering the seeds of vengeance from which murder sprouts.

The encounter between Fairfax and Lanné dramatises the clash of civilisation and noble savagery. But the meeting is sterile. The futility bred by an eradicated past on one side, and blind personal ambition on the other, dashes any hopes of retrieving history in order to understand the present or to make a way forward into the future. "There is nothing to improve," Lanné tells the scientist. "Nothing remains. That's the whole point of you being here, remember."

Issues which once seemed clear-cut become tangled and complicated. The certainties of science blur and dissolve into fictions. Ideals are corrupted by the brutal necessities of survival.

The slightness of this volume and the pellucid simplicity of its prose are deceptive. Edric has written a powerful allegory, exploring the way in which the denial of history shakes the very foundations of human belief.

Colourful and energetic as an historical pageant, Duncan Sprott's *Our Lady of the Potatoes* whirls its readers into a flamboyant tableau of 18th-century France. Down the passageways of the senescent court at Versailles it treads, boiling over into the streets of Paris, stumbling among the intrigues of a turbulent city. Gathering force, it is swept into the maelstrom of the Great Terror. The players disperse, some donning red caps, some fleeing in disguise, while the dogs lap the blood of others from the cobblestones.

Sprott found his inspiration for this novel in François Boucher's portrait of Louis XV's mistress sprawling in sumptuous nudity on rumpled silks, seen above, which tempted him to investigate the life of its subject, here called Marie Louise Murphy, and explore the history of her era through her eyes. Born into a family of adventurous Irish emigrants, Marie Louise (or Morfi, as she becomes known), is the most beautiful of a vast Catholic brood. She learns from her roguish parents the arts of compromise and camouflage necessary for survival in a precarious world. But at the age of 14, as the model for France's "most eminent painter of flesh", she is drawn to the attention of a court emissary. Taken away from her family, she is trained up in all the refinements of a rarefied etiquette, to be proffered as a tempting morsel to tickle the jaded palate of the king. In her subsequent fall from monarchical favour, it takes all her inbred powers of adaptability to play the raw game of survival.

"If you fall in love your heart will break." This maternal advice lies at the centre of Morfi's life. The novel is at root a tragic love story in which a pitiless fate is the chief protagonist. Sprott neither needs, nor uses, explanatory asides. His is a bare, unsubtle presentation of social hypocrisy. Through the glut of descriptive detail the message gleams, as sharp and precise as the guillotine's blade.

How the Antichrist of our day reveals the word of God

Rachel Cusk

BYRNE
By Anthony Burgess
Hutchinson, £14.99

Anthony Burgess was writing *Byrne*, a novel in verse, almost up to his death in 1993. He finished it on Ash Wednesday: a suitably bleak and penitential day upon which to come to the agonising accommodation with faith, death and renewal at which this novel ultimately arrives. The themes which tormented and entranced Burgess during his writing life loom large at its end, gathered together and locked in a masterly, mocking cage of rhyme where they cannot elude him. It is a structure occasionally oppressive, frequently very funny, but necessary to contain a story which strains to burst into prose and stray beyond its author's compass. "I cough blood too, thin, thick or lightly, darkly," confesses Tomlinson, the narrator, towards the novel's end. "Byrne is this killer I have not long to go/ But I'll outlast that Swiney Tod, I know."

Michael Byrne is both apocryphal and man, a kind of self-elected demigod who, in a bacchanalian parody of Genesis, engenders life and then abandons it to its own devices. For his children, too, Byrne's paternity has the quality of religious faith: its incidence is worldwide and is a matter more of conviction than fact. Byrne is absent, invisible, apprehensible only through his creations. Part Don Juan, part itinerant, an infinitely corruptible anti-saviour, he is the quintessential Burgess villain: a man of weak flesh, a bad artist who calls himself a genius, a serial father, a man who submits to no higher authority and who admits no greater power than the earthly kind.

Our first glimpse of him comes when he forks out tattered cash to pay a self-confessed second-rate scribe to write his testament: "He thought he was a kind of living myth/And hence deserving of *ottava rima*./The scheme that Ariosto juggled with./Apt for a lecherous defective dreamer."

The poet begins with the Byrne family history, as they defect from Ireland to Liverpool in the 19th century. Byrne's father is born late, when his grandfather "thought his wells were dry", and thus the intervention of either God or the Devil is suspected. "Like Saint Joseph, he'd a certain doubt/ About his wife the nights that he was out... She spread a table rich for the position/ of a mere Mersey Harbour Board nightwatchman/ The swine, he thought, could hardly be a Scotchman." Byrne's own birth is, however, incontestable: "The figurative bastard/ Entered the world smugly legitimate." A spoilt only child, he soon displays a dubious talent for music, loving "the tuba, trumpets and trombones,/ Which smote his very scrotum with their groans".

Burgess's concern with the post-modern proliferation and corruption of culture, the unregulated aesthetic spawned by the 20th century's love of the abstract and dysphonic, is here reiterated. "The war had sanctified the use of discord," and Byrne, ever the opportunist, hitches his star to the modernist wagon: "The noise took the conservative aback./ But others cooed at it as avant-garde./ There are always intellectuals around/ Who praise the incompetent as the profound."


SALLY SOAMES
Burgess: blessing the filthy world

Having married and fathered twins, Byrne elopes to Nazi Germany with a film actress. "And, at that time, the swastika'd regime... Had, to the world outside, a saner gleam." The territory of *Earthly Powers* is here revisited as Byrne, like Kenneth Toomey, is recognised and welcomed as a second-rate artist by those second-rate artists *par excellence*, the Nazi leadership. Inferior art is susceptible to evil, and although Byrne is scornful of racial science, his insufficient talent cannot withstand appropriation. "The nub/ Of his neutrality is seen to lean/ On music's being dumb, hence undidactic —/ A hypothetical defensive tactic."

After leaving Germany, Byrne's trail becomes fainter. The narrator briefly tracks him down in Morocco, and thereafter must rely on the offspring and daubings — he has turned to painting by now — he litters behind him as he drifts across the globe. The narrator cannot, however desist with his story: his subject's indiscriminate couplings lead him to suspect that he himself might be one of Byrne's creations, inextricably caught in a legacy of failure.

Burgess's preoccupation with the sins of the fathers finds further scope as the story passes to Byrne's identical twin sons, Tim and Tom. They are the products of a split seed and thus, like a split atom, the proprietors of the power to unseat nature. Tim is a priest, "genetic violation/ Of all his father stood for," who is in the throes of a loss of faith. Both he and his brother represent some kind of lacuna or full stop in their father's history: Tim has been born with his wedding ring finger missing, and Tom is suffering from testicular cancer. We meet them in middle age, inhabiting the world of Salman Rushdie — the "British Dante" — and the IRA.

Burgess's view of the century in its twilight is bleak: "The Christian West was rotten to the core./ A culture facing in its deliquescence/The rigour of a million stars and crescents." The notion of a European federation, the rise of Islam, the murder of art — the Rushdie affair troubled him greatly — seem here to mount in a terrible tide of barbarity, from which the blind leap of faith offers, in the end, the only escape. Flesh and spirit finally and painfully shake hands for Burgess, who bows before the miracle of life and continuation: "God rendered himself complete/ Through filiality."

Byrne, the bad father, battles God, the good: and in the acceptance that God, not man, is the procreative force — living on through fleshly cycles of death and renewal — brings some kind of peace. "Let the logician and the Godman show/ The foolishness, but let the word be spoken." Tim's epitaph could be Burgess's own: "Smiling ... somewhat sad, too,/ Blessing the filthy world. Somebody had to."

Things rank and gross

Kate Hubbard

CLEVER GIRL
By Tania Glyde
Picador, £9.99

In recent years child abuse, with its repercussions, has regularly made its way from the pages of newspapers to those of novels, especially those by women. Tania Glyde adds her voice with *Clever Girl*. This first novel is not for the faint-hearted. Its startling bleakness and violence are heightened rather than alleviated by her dark humour.

Sarah Clevtoe, the novel's narrator, is an unusually tall and clever 13-year-old, with few friends, no dress sense and a liking for Margaret Thatcher, astronomy and sculpture. The man "who had sorted through me as if I were no more than a bag of dirty laundry" casts his shadow, but proves only the first of many. She is coerced into losing her virginity to a pupil at the local boys' public school, a smooth misogynist who proceeds to deride her as much for her contemptible middle-classness as for her sexual availability. After she is gang-raped by her seducer and his friends, she retaliates by attacking and maiming another schoolboy. The passive receptacle of violence becomes its perpetrator.

University provides opportunities for reinvention and further forays into masochism. To her rescue comes Gabriel, who seems content to look after her without requiring sex, where, for Sarah, desire and terror comingle. The two set up home together in London. The contempt which fuels *Clever Girl* is chiefly directed against public school-educated men, women similarly cocooned by privilege, and journalists. Sarah encounters the latter in her first job, on *The Skip*, a newspaper staffed by freaks and sadists.

At this point the novel slides inexorably into surreal horror. What is the explanation for the scratches and bloodied nails of Sarah's colleagues? By now Gabriel has abandoned his protector's mantle and subjects her to a barrage of criticism and scorn. As her sense of self dissolves, so her body decays, with skin flaking and discharge seeping from every orifice. Her humiliation reaches its apogee after a night out with a university admirer turned journalist, who defecates onto her dress and leaves her with the parting shot: "Have you ever considered taking a catering course? It might help you serve yourself up to the sharks. Although they won't eat you if you taste the way you did last night." Understandably Sarah attempts suicide, only to be reincarnated, in the novel's final section, as a glossy robot-version of her former self, impervious to physical pain and bent on revenge.

It would be hard to find, within one slim novel, a more unpleasant collection of characters. The sheer nastiness of these grotesque caricatures, coupled with the novel's surrealism, merely create in the reader a sense of disassociation and alienation from the narrative. Outrage is recorded but not provoked. Glyde can certainly write compellingly and she has a sharp eye for the memorable image. But a novel containing so little of humanity elicits little sympathy.

A butterfly who stings like a bee

Bernard Levin penetrates the carapace of bombast in Vidal's memoirs to find a man wounded by tragic loss


Gore Vidal at home in Rome (1976), by his Canadian neighbour Roloff Beny: one of many excellent portraits in Beny's posthumous volume People: Legends in Life and Art, presented by Mitchell Crites (Thames & Hudson, £32)

The reader immediately comes up against the immovable object. Gore Vidal has written his memoirs (at immense length), and the very first words of the book cordially invite the reader to disbelieve some, much or all that Vidal has written. He does not help us in this quest by, say, inserting different coloured labels or other symbols to guide our paths, and we go in permanent fear of getting it hopelessly wrong, while Vidal laughs in the wings.

First mistake: Vidal does not frequent the wings — centre stage is where he is invariably to be found.

But what does he do there? For instance, he claims to have known Garbo well. He claims to have seen Eleanor Roosevelt naked. He claims to have been, as a boy, in Britain when war broke out, and he claims that not only was he on the *Antonia* when she sailed from Liverpool to the United States — he even claims to have seen the *Athenia* torpedoed, the first hostile action of the Second World War.

Well, he could have known Garbo: he says — and it is quite possible — that he walked into the wrong bathroom when the President's wife was at her ablutions; there were certainly small boys on the *Antonia*; we are almost convinced, when he spoils everything by saying that he has read most of Scott's novels, for no one has done that. From now on, we must be on our guard.

Next, we take a pin and put it into a page of the book at random. I am blindfolded, so that everyone can see that I am not cheating. This ritual is of course essential, and when the blindfolds are taken off, Vidal has scored Paul Bowles, Fred Kaplan, Carson McCullers, Mary McCarthy, Tennessee Williams, William Faulkner, J. F. Kennedy, Truman Capote, Antony Tudor and Anäis Nin. He adds "thank God I never met Hemingway", and by now some of us mere readers are heartily agreeing.

Very well, very well: his love for himself is so great that he can almost forget his hatred for his mother. (Which reminds me; when I am made Emperor of the Universe, my first ukase will be to make it a capital offence to complain about anyone's dead relatives). But there must be in Gore Vidal much more than the tiresome poseur, counting blow-jobs and shocking the world by announcing that he no longer bothers to vote, not even in presidential elections.

And of course there is a great deal more in Vidal. To begin with, there is a touching side to him, to which he comes back again and again, trying to close the wound. For there is a real wound.

Young friendships often mature; fewer ripen into such depths as those Vidal plumbed. Nor was it a momentary happiness; throughout his book, we find him warm and generous among the poisoned arrows he also flings.

PALIMPSEST
A Memoir
By Gore Vidal
André Deutsch, £20

Cynics will say it is only more of his posing, but even a few paragraphs will show that Vidal is not entirely the elephant-skinned figure that his detractors say he is. The pain comes from years ago, and it comes from his first (and surely last) true love.

Jimmy Trimble and Vidal were coevals at 17. Love at that age is almost always fickle, but this love wasn't: "He had pale blue eyes; mine were pale brown. He had the hunter-athlete's farsightedness; I had the writer-reader's myopic vision. I was blond, with straight hair. He was blond, with curly hair. His sweat smelled of honey, like that of Alexander the Great."

Never mind Alexander the Great and the honey; both Jimmy and Vidal went to the war, but only Vidal came back. And apart from those ephemeral blow-jobs and such, he has been faithful to one man, with whom he lives an entirely asexual life; this is Howard Austen, and their partnership has endured for nearly half a century.

The more Vidal tries to tell us that he is only a *flaneur*, the more real and thorough is his work and his life. After all, it was he who wrote *The City and the Pillar*, the first serious American homosexual novel. No "respectable" paper would review it, least of all *The New York Times*, and it was indeed virtually banned, together with its author. But the author was Gore Vidal, remember; he fished out some stories he had written many years ago, gave them a new name, and watched as the banned author happily fed the enemy.

Again, the more Vidal struggles to be thought a butterfly, the more the evidence piles up showing that he is not. Apart from a volume of short stories and two plays which were successful on Broadway, together with a quantity of film writing, he has written 15 novels, which include a remarkable series bringing the United States from its beginning to the present.

So how does the butterfly find the time to entertain the vast throngs of visitors who pass through his three homes? For the Sitwells, Forsters, Kerouacs, Trillings, Kennedys and many others with views of their own, are very unlikely to fall silent even when their host enters the room.

But perhaps this passage, about his schooldays (he was then 14), will give a clue: "At first, teachers used to ask me why I wasn't a football player like my father... One reason I didn't like football was the boredom of putting on and taking off all that gear... I'd learned, very early, how to transmit, in an interesting way, sufficient knowledge and imagination to charm those I wanted to charm... I was never shy, and if I was misunderstood, it was because I was modelling myself on Mickey Rooney, and so played many parts, including my favourite, that of paramount leader. Wherever I was, I always formed a gang, and I was boss."

P. S. The index disgraces the book, the publishers, the author and literature itself.

Cannae beat 'em

Albert Read

HANNIBAL
By Ross Leckie
Canongate, £14.99

THE ROMANS were a thorough lot: not only did they destroy Carthage; they also destroyed its reputation. The classical sources for this period are scant, and most are sympathetic to the Romans. In Ross Leckie's mock autobiography, *Hannibal*, the eponymous hero, tries to put the record straight. Rome is the villain here, trying to pen in Carthage, which must trade to survive. His father, Hamilcar, who returns defeated from the first Punic War, takes young Hannibal up to the walls of Carthage and instils in him a lifelong desire for vengeance.

Ravaged by defeat and unruly mercenaries, the Barca clan move to Spain and found Cartagena. After the death of his father, Hannibal assumes command and, at the age of 27, leads 90,000 men over the Alps to Rome. The book is full of wonderful scenes: cosmopolitan, chaotic Carthage — an ancient incarnation of New York — heaving with people from all corners of Africa; elephants perched precariously on rafts, crossing the Straits of Gibraltar; the happy camp at Cartagena preparing for the long journey to Rome. Leckie lights up this world for us with fabulous energy and attention to detail.

But where does historical research give way to imagination? Rather more than Robert Graves and Allan Massie, Leckie is left to make his own conjectures — some, no doubt, designed to raise academic hackles. (Would Hannibal have studied Plato? Would he have been familiar with Alexander's Ephemerides?).

Care and restraint are called for at every turn, and Leckie obliges. The worst that can be said of him is that he occasionally succumbs to Hollywood melodrama, and Hannibal's noble warrior purity, his unwavering devotion to his men and his wife begin to grate after a time. In general, however, Leckie avoids sentimentality: he combines authority with accessibility. What was once cold history with echoes of adventure becomes full-bodied adventure with echoes of history.

Mum's the word for the best job of all

Sally Emerson

WHAT ABOUT US?
An Open Letter
to the Mothers
Feminism Forgot
By Maureen Freely
Bloomsbury, £15.99

Maureen Freely's idea is a good one. Feminism has not paid much attention to mothers, apart from advising women not to have children. Simone de Beauvoir referred to women with a number of children as "fowls with high production who seek eagerly to sacrifice their liberty of action for the functioning of their flesh". This annoys Freely, who has had four children of her own, the first two by her first husband, the next two by her present partner.

Freely trawls through feminist doctrine for ideas on motherhood, and finds little of value. She is angry that after all these years of feminism, shop doors are still too narrow for double buggies to enter, and kerbs are too high. When she had her first two children, such difficulties made her think: "The real world has no room for me, I'll never belong to the real world again." But by the time her marriage had broken up and she had had her third child, she had a more aggressive stance: "What planet do these architects and urban planners live on?"

Her survey of feminist literature about motherhood is informative, although hectoring. Whatever anyone has said she tends to treat with indignant contempt while offering no alternatives herself. Camille Paglia is scorned for saying "Feminism was always wrong to pretend that women could have it all. It is not male society but mother nature who lays the heaviest burden on women." Freely's odd response is: "Thanks a billion, Camille. I appreciate your concern. I do not think, therefore I am a mother, eh?"

Much of the book is devoted to an honest, and engaging, account of Maureen Freely's life and her hardships as a mother and writer in America and England. Much of this is intentionally funny, and some of it unintentionally so, particularly as the feminist Freely has quite clearly found trouble living up to feminism. She spends too much money on clothes, nabs another woman's husband partly because she likes the cosy sense of his family life going on as he talks on the phone in his kitchen, gets pregnant on purpose without even informing the father of her intention. It is pretty clear that very little, let alone feminism, could have saved Freely from her years of muddle and chaos.


Maureen Freely: muddled

Amazingly, she never proclaims that the mothering of these four children she's been doing for so many years, at such inconvenience, gives her pleasure. Like so many die-hard feminists, she describes the children only in terms of the trouble they cause. Of course mothers look like second class citizens, unworthy of anything but narrow doors and high kerbs, if what they do is described even by them as without interest, if the creatures they look after are apparently of no importance, if there is no joy. If any pleasure in children has some dire name like maternal traditionalism, well, we're done for. If not even women respect what women do well, what hope is there?

Yet if anyone asked Freely which she would rather give up, the books she has written or her children, I suspect there would be no contest. The work is nothing compared to the children.

Mothers, on the whole, like being mothers a great deal. For many, it is by far the best thing about being female. Even mothers who complain bitterly, like Freely, often go on to have more children even when they have no money: not because of some insane breeding urge, but because they enjoy the children and enjoy loving the children and being loved by them and amused by them, and because they make them wildly happy for much of the time. Yes, wildly happy. Not fulfilled in a bovine way, but wildly happy. Sometimes mothers have to give up a great deal in order to go on having the daily epiphanies of motherhood, but they do it. They juggle and cajole and lie about meetings if they work because it's all worth it, every second of it, and it's much, much nicer being a woman and mother than the cold, long road of being a man.

Freely even apologises for having a nanny, because she is oppressing another woman by having her look after her children. No wonder conservatives deride single mothers; after all, they are just looking after children, and even feminists despise that. Freely's practical suggestions for easing the lot of women, by the way, include making the school day longer, which would be hard on young children.

Sally Emerson's novels include Second Sight *and* Separation *(Abacus).*

Pakistan challenge for England A

Emburey sets out positive goals for touring party

BY PAT GIBSON

IF THE stories are to be believed, Pakistan is the last place that England should be sending its best young cricketers to further their educations. With ball tampering, drug taking and attempted bribery among the allegations levelled at that country's cricketers in recent times, the English players could be tainted for life.

Looked at another way, however, there is no better place to go. Pakistan offers arguably the most demanding cricket environment in the world and the 15 members of the England A team who leave Gatwick for Karachi today should return in two months' time wiser and better players.

The business part of the tour involves two warm-up games, three four-day matches, three "Tests" and three one-day internationals, but John Emburey's first priority as cricket manager was to dispel any negative thoughts about the country which may have been implanted in the players' minds by such leading authorities as Ian Botham.

The great all-rounder's mother-in-law would probably not like it very much but there is nothing for the cricketers to worry about, as Emburey was at pains to point out during the team's only pre-tour get-together at Tewkesbury recently.

"I wanted to talk to them about Pakistan as a country, about the culture and the people," he said. "It is different. They have a different outlook on life. We must understand things like that. It is important that we show English cricket in a good light, both in the way we play the game and the way we conduct ourselves off the field."

Bearing in mind the recent cricketing relationship between the two countries, it is an impressive start by Emburey on his first venture into team management prior to taking up his first full-time appointment with Northamptonshire next season. It is a significant one, too, since his performance will be monitored as closely at Lord's as that of any of his charges.

"I am ambitious," he readily acknowledged, "and this is something I have always wanted to do. Someone like me, who has been around for such a long time in both Test and county cricket, should have the respect of the players and I think I can help them to develop their game."

That, of course, is the purpose of these A tours, the success of which can be judged from the fact that more than half of the England players in South Africa, the captain included, have been on one or more of the previous six such expeditions.

This one offers opportunities to relatively senior players looking to re-establish themselves in Test cricket, such as Nasser Hussain, an interesting choice as captain, Ian Salisbury, Craig White and Shaun Udal; recognised talents such as Nick Knight and Jason Gallian, who won their first caps last summer; and emerging youngsters, including Jason Pooley and Dean Headley, replacements for Andrew Symonds and Peter Martin respectively.

At one end of the scale is Hussain, who admits that he became disillusioned at his treatment by the selectors and reacted badly, but reasserted himself with almost 1,700 runs for Essex last season. The responsibility of leading the side could have the same effect on him as the vice-captaincy did on Mark Ramprakash in India last winter.

At the other end is Andrew McGrath, a gifted young opening batsman who has been preferred to his more experienced Yorkshire colleague, Michael Vaughan, on the strength of his performances for the England Under-19 team. He gets an immediate chance to show he can succeed at a higher level.

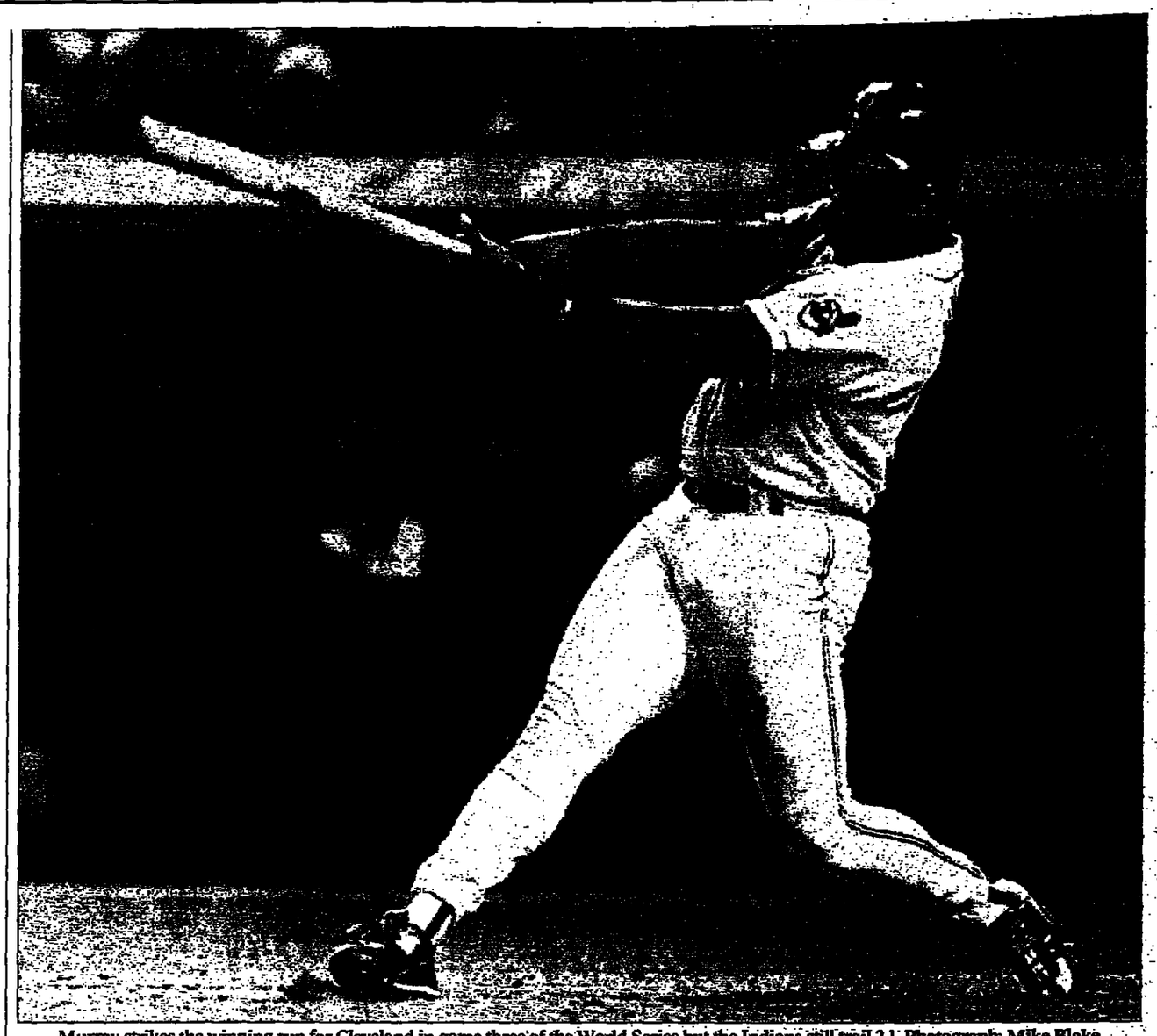
The quality of the opposition is a mystery at this stage because most of Pakistan's top players have just left on a tour of Australia, but Emburey said: "You can bet your bottom dollar that whoever is picked to represent Pakistan will be a good player. It is going to be an intriguing series."

DETAILS

TOUR PARTY: N Hussain (Essex, captain), J Gallian (Lancashire), E Giddins (Sussex), D Headley (Kent), R Irani (Essex), N Knight (Warwickshire), A McGrath (Yorkshire), D Ostler (Warwickshire), K Piper (Warwickshire), J Pooley (Middlesex), I Salisbury (Sussex), M Smith (Gloucestershire), R Stemp (Yorkshire), S Udal (Hampshire), C White (Yorkshire)

Tour manager: M Vockins. Cricket manager: J Emburey. Physiotherapist: D Conway

FIXTURES: Nov 1: Pakistan Cricket Board XI (Karachi). 3: PCB XI (Thatta). 5-8: Combined XI (Karachi). 11-14: PCB XI (Lahore). 17-21: First "Test" (Multan). 24-27: Patrons' XI (Sialkot). 30-Dec 4: Second "Test" (Rawalpindi). 8-12: Third "Test" (Peshawar). 15: First one-day international (Peshawar). 18: Second one-day international (Faisalabad). 20: Third one-day international (Sheikhupura).



Murray strikes the winning run for Cleveland in game three of the World Series but the Indians still trail 2-1. Photograph: Mike Blake

Cleveland breathe new life into series

FROM KEITH BLACKMORE IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

FOR THE third time in as many games, an episode of baseball's World Series was settled by a single run here on Tuesday night, but for the first time the decisive score came from the Cleveland Indians. It took them 11 innings, two more than usual, to find it, but Eddie Murray's single kept the series alive.

Had the Atlanta Braves won, as they several times threatened to do, they would have led the best-of-seven series 3-0 and no team in the 91-year history of the event has failed to win from there. Instead, the score is 2-1 and, with the next two games both at home, the Indians can live in hope.

The comforts of home should not be underestimated. The extra-innings drama of Tuesday was the first World Series game to be played in Cleveland since 1954 and, more importantly, it was the first ever series game in the gleaming new Jacobs Field stadium.

Known locally as The Jake, the stadium opened in April 1994 and, thanks to the success of the Indians, has been sold out virtually every game since. It is a typical modern stadium, built at a cost of $169 million, with every modern convenience but designed to look like something from the past. Like Camden Yards in Baltimore and other new arenas in Arlington and Denver, The Jake evokes memories of classic ballparks, like Ebbets Field, once the home of the Brooklyn Dodgers and long since lost to the bulldozer.

The stadium has, however, provided the Indians with more than just money and nostalgia as the team has won 54 of its 72 home games. If that were not enough, there was an extra home advantage on Tuesday, the weather.

Only in the series of 1988, which had been delayed by an earthquake and which was in any case played in the warmer climes of California, had a World Series game been played later in the year than game three this year. Winds from Lake Erie were gusting at 25mph and the temperature was 29F. Hardly the climate for the Boys of Summer, or even the Fall Classic, and frozen fingers certainly played their part.

Before the game started, Sam Danze, a pensioner, was given the chance to win $1 million. Danze, 73, had won the opportunity in a sweepstake and all he had to do was throw a baseball from the pitcher's mound into a net roughly the size of the strike zone. His pitch fell agonisingly short and he had to make do with a consolation prize of $50,000. However, for a long time, it was the nearest any pitcher came to putting the ball on the money.

Hits were sprinkled all over the place. The Braves took the lead, fell 4-1 behind, closed to 4-3 with solo home runs by Fred McGriff and Ryan Klesko, then moved ahead, 5-4, in a dramatic seventh inning. It seemed the Indians might capitulate but instead they drew level when Kenny Lofton scored on Carlos Baerga's infield single.

Lofton deserved the glory of sending the game into extra innings. It was his night and, so far for Cleveland, it has been his series. Six times he came up to bat on Tuesday and six times he reached first base. He got three hits, three walks, three runs and a stolen base, his fifth of the series. "This is an all-or-nothing situation for us," Lofton said. "That's the way I'm playing."

It fell to another, however, to finish the job. Murray, a veteran of the 1979 and 1983 World Series with the Baltimore Orioles, homered in game two but had done little since. His single at the bottom of the eleventh brought home Alvaro Espinoza, a pinch runner, to win the game.

GAME THREE STORE

Team	Inning scores											Runs	Hits	Errors
Atlanta	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	6	12	1
Cleveland	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	7	12	2

Middlesex prepare to stand in way of move

BY SIMON WILDE

AN UNSEEMLY squabble has developed over the playing future of John Emburey, who leaves today for Pakistan to act as cricket manager of the England A team. Emburey intended to announce formally his plans for next year before departing, but that has been prevented by the intransigence of the county with whom he has spent 22 years in the game, Middlesex.

It is widely accepted in cricket circles that Emburey, who wants to develop a career as a coach-cum-manager, played his final match for Middlesex at Taunton five weeks ago. Seemingly, the only people who do not accept the fact are the members of the Middlesex committee, who last month offered him a new two-year playing contract.

It is equally clear that Emburey is going to join Northamptonshire, who have won a race among several counties to acquire the services of the former England off spinner. The indications are, however, that Middlesex will contest Emburey's decision to move. If a Test and County Cricket Board tribunal upholds their case, Emburey would be deemed a "list one" player, preventing him from taking the field for his new club as counties can sign only two list one players in any five-year period.

"I know which county I will be coaching next season but I don't know if I will be playing for them," Emburey, 43, said yesterday. He is ready to take whatever legal measures are necessary to win his case.

World champion continues relentless pursuit of glory



Oliver Holt, in Tokyo, finds Michael Schumacher set on imposing himself even further

Michael Schumacher lost his service game in a celebrity tennis match here yesterday. It is about the only thing that has gone wrong for him all week. He even managed to complete the trip from the city centre to the tennis venue out by Tokyo Bay in 15 minutes, a feat that equals his mastery of traffic in this season's Formula One grands prix.

Schumacher won in the end, of course. It is difficult to imagine him losing at anything. He is supposed to be relaxing here after clinching his second successive world drivers' championship at Aida on Sunday, but he is not ready to rest yet. The title may be won, but, for him, the job is only half done. He is far from fulfilled and there is Damon Hill to deal with.

Before he went out on to the court to hit balls into an over-excited crowd of invited guests, Schumacher sat in a quiet ante-room at the Ariake Coliseum, the picture of self-assurance. He is confident of his psychological dominance over his closest rival, ready to cut the ties with Benetton that have brought him so much success and embrace an uncertain future with Ferrari.

"There are no regrets about leaving Benetton despite the great times we have had," Schumacher said. "You think of all the good times you had and how difficult it was to make this decision, but I do not feel regret. I knew when I took this decision what I had done and I feel even more sure now because I have finished the job or at least the first part. Now, I can look for the challenge I need."

But first, the unfinished business. He felt flat, he said, when he won the championship last weekend because, from the outset, his goal this season has been to win the constructors' championship, too, and although Benetton are 21 points ahead of Williams, the title is not yet safe.

Then, there is Nigel Mansell's record of nine race wins in one season. The German has won eight already and two are left. "I was quite surprised how little I was affected on Sunday," he said. "I got a bigger thrill out of winning races like Hockenheim and the Nürburgring. The target from the beginning has been the constructors' championship as well and therefore I don't feel I have fulfilled my target. Race wins are more important to me anyway because you are always judged by your last race. I want to enjoy myself in the last two races, but I enjoy myself by winning and that is why I want Nigel's record."

ON SATURDAY

In the Magazine, Germany's sporting heroes

Whatever that future holds, though, Schumacher is sure he has forced Hill into a downward mental spiral from which it will be hard for the Englishman to break out. "It is the case when you don't have any success, like Damon, that it just gets worse and worse," he said. "Once you come into this horrible situation, anything you do seems to go wrong.

"I feel very confident when I am racing against him now. I had a tricky situation with him on the back straight at Aida, one of the moments I was concerned about, and I did not know what he was going to do. It was a bit strange the way he was driving.

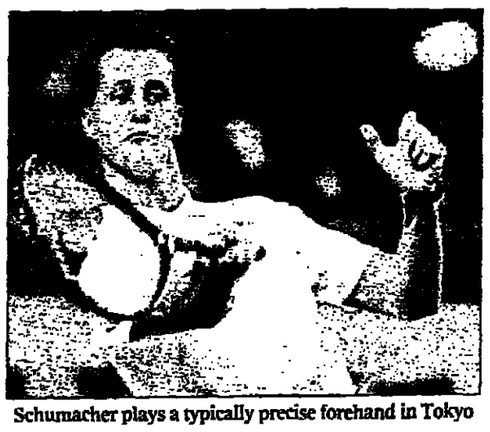
"In the end, I thought there was no reason to risk anything by overtaking him. I thought, 'okay, we are going to do the pit stop and I'm going to get you'. I knew we had a particularly prepared strategy for the situation. It worked out. I was free and I was gone.

"I think Damon misses his focus. He doesn't know what he is doing or wants to do. At the start, he was concentrating too much on me. I would have done exactly the same, but I would not have let the Ferraris through. It should have been easy for him to avoid that."

Schumacher dismissed Hill's claim that he had been guilty of "total hypocrisy" when he complained privately about the Englishman's driving tactics during Sunday's decisive Pacific Grand Prix and said he was upset that Hill had chosen to stoke up talk of the feud between the protagonists when their quarrel could have been sorted out in private.

"I was very surprised by Damon's reaction at Aida," Schumacher said. "If I had had a strong point, I would have spoken officially about it, but because I was not 100 per cent sure what had gone on during the race, I wanted to speak to him and I wanted him to know about it. You saw how he reacted. There was no reason to build up the idea of a feud again.

"In fact, when I saw the race on video, what he did looked much more harmless. I was never upset about it anyway and I never complained. I just asked him about it. So the whole thing has been blown up again completely unnecessarily and he is the one who is always saying we should talk to each other in private first. That's what I tried to do and look what happened."



Schumacher plays a typically precise forehand in Tokyo

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This refresher is again about counting the distribution. Look just at the North - South cards.

Dealer North — Love all — Rubber bridge

	♠A542 ♥Q3 ♦AK4 ♣K1083	
♠KQJ1086 ♥2 ♦Q108762 ♣—	N W E S	♠93 ♥J1085 ♦J9 ♣J9652
	♠7 ♥AK9764 ♦53 ♣AQ74	

W	N	E	S
—	1 NT(15-17)	Pass	3♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Contract: Six Hearts by South. Lead: King of Spades

South should have passed Six Clubs — North might easily have had a hand on which South could have established his hearts by ruffing.

Declarer won the spade in dummy and played queen and ace of hearts. Now he continued with a diamond to the king and a spade ruff, and cashed a third high heart. He then played the ace of clubs, noting that West showed out. He then led a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond, noting East's failure to follow.

What would a good player do now? The answer is count East's distribution. He has shown up with two spades, four hearts, two diamonds (remember, he showed out on the third round of the suit) and five clubs (East had none). That isn't difficult, provided you have watched what happened on the first few tricks, but I am acutely aware that is a very big proviso.

Now all that remains is to make use of this information — declarer plays his last (losing) heart. East wins and, since he has nothing but clubs left, has to lead that suit to give South his 12th trick.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Marshall's plan

Before the recent world championship contest between Garry Kasparov and Vishy Anand, the last world title match to be held exclusively on American soil was that of 1907.

The challenger, dashing American Grandmaster Frank Marshall, was adept at tactics but deficient in the area of strategic build-up. When he came to challenged Lasker, Marshall lost heavily, failing to score a single win.

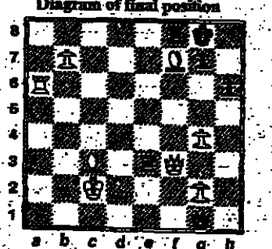
Paradoxically, Marshall's most enduring monument was his introduction of a sharp gambit in the Ruy Lopez against Capablanca. Although Marshall lost, his gambit has survived to become one of the most popular variations amongst aggressive players of the present day.

White: Jose Capablanca
Black: Frank Marshall
New York 1918

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	c3	d5
9	exd5	Nxd5
10	Nxe5	Nxe5
11	Rxe5	Nf6
12	Re1	Bc6
13	h3	Ng4
14	Qf3	Qh4
15	d4	Nxf2
16	Re2	Bg4
17	hxg4	Bh2+
18	Kf1	Bg3
19	Rxf2	Qh1+
20	Ke2	Bxf2
21	Bd2	Bh4
22	Qh3	Rae8+
23	Kd3	Qf1+
24	Kc2	Bf2
25	Qf3	Qg1
26	Bd5	c5
27	dxc5	Bxc5
28	b4	Bc6
29	a4	a5
30	axb5	axb4
31	Ra6	bxc3
32	Nxc3	Bb4
33	b5	Bxc3
34	Bxc3	h6
35	b7	Re3
36	Bxf7+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Times world championship book

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BARDPERSONS
HUME
a. A fairy
b. A crooked priest
c. A Scottish lawyer

RAMBURES
a. A French braggart
b. A magician
c. An Egyptian servant

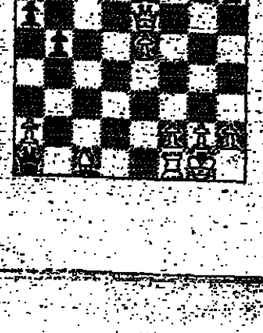
BIANCA
a. A spirited girl
b. A singer
c. A merry wife

SAMPSON
a. A professional wrestler
b. A lazy inn-keeper
c. A quarrelsome servant

Answers on page 45

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Kasparov - Anand, Intel World Championship, Game 10 1995. How can White make decisive material gains by exploiting the unco-ordinated nature of the black forces?



Solution on page 45

Drysdale believes French Deputy can steal show

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

THE immortal line by Rupert Brooke about a corner of a foreign field that is forever England was not composed with Barn 4 on the backstretch at Belmont Park racecourse in mind. However, come Saturday and the $3 million Breeders' Cup Classic, it could be just as applicable because of a quintessential Englishman by the name of Neil Drysdale and a horse called French Deputy.

Amid all the hype about whether Halling can stub out the Cigar in the race of the year, little attention has been paid to the son of Deputy Minister who has raced only five times. And that is just the way Drysdale likes it.

Drysdale, 47, a former English teacher born in Haslemere, possesses a natural caution which is in stark contrast to the brashness of many of his American counterparts. "Mr Invisible" or "The man with ice in his veins," as the son of a Royal Marine has been labelled, is more than happy to let his horses do the talking. Since the inception of the Breeders' Cup in 1984, they have hollered from the rooftops.

The Hollywood Park-based trainer has sent out 14 runners. Half have finished in the money with five winning, including A. P. Indy, the 1992 Classic winner who ended up Horse of the Year. Despite his relative inexperience, do not be surprised if French Deputy enhances that fine record.

"He is inexperienced but is mature mentally so, hopefully, it won't compromise him," Drysdale explained yesterday as French Deputy, looking magnificent in Barn 4, took a playful nip at his lad's cap.

No horse has ever won the Classic having run in so few races, but Drysdale is not the sort of trainer to take on Cigar and Halling with French Deputy just for the fun of it. "He's got a touch of brilliance and that is why we are running him."

Brilliance. That is not a word Drysdale uses lightly or frequently. As a two-year-old, French Deputy ran just once, winning his maiden by five lengths. In February this year, he more than coped with a step up in class, winning both starts at Santa Anita with contemptuous ease, including an 11-length success.

Hopes of tackling the Triple Crown were dashed because of a foot injury. Instead he was given plenty of time to recover and the Breeders' Cup became the new target. After a seven-month lay-off, French Deputy returned to action at Belmont seven weeks ago in the grade two Jerome Handicap over a mile. He came from six lengths off the pace to win easily by four lengths and record an exceptional time performance.

On his latest start, three weeks ago at Belmont, he suffered his only defeat, but there were a host of genuine excuses for finishing second. The state of the track, officially described as wet fast, had French Deputy slipping and sliding his way round. To make matters worse, he travelled on the part of the track where the ground was worst, and his jockey dropped his whip inside the final furlong.

"We learnt a lot about the horse that day. Although he got headed and was sliding all over the place, his determination meant he battled back only to be beaten by a horse who came down the middle of the track, whom he didn't see."

Significantly, Gary Stevens, who partnered French Deputy in the Jerome Handicap, takes over from Eddie Delahoussaye and his recent home work has delighted Drysdale. "I don't know whether he can beat Cigar or Halling but I think he will run creditably. I would expect him to acquit himself well."

Add to that the likely improvement to come from the step up to a mile and a quarter plus the administration of lasix for the first time, and he represents an outstanding each-way bet at British odds of around 14-1.

☐ Lake Coniston was drawn 14 of 14 for the Sprint and prompted Ladbrokes to knock out Geoff Lewis's sprinter from 4-1 to 6-1. "The draw has made an impossible job even harder," Mike Dillon said. Significantly, the local morning line odds have two European horses, Freedom Cry and Ridgewood Pearl, as favourites to win the Turf and the Mile.

Nap: TIME FOR ACTION
(2.20 Nottingham)
Next best: Mutamanni
(1.50 Nottingham)



JULIAN HERBERT

Dextra Dove, ridden by Chris Maude, sails over the last fence on his way to a comfortable victory at Cheltenham yesterday

Cheltenham unveils cross-country course

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

ONE of the great anomalies of jump racing was put right yesterday when the Sporting Index Steeplechase Course was unveiled at Cheltenham. No longer will Britain be without the cross-country style of steeplechasing that has proved so popular on mainland Europe.

Sited largely in the centre of the Prestbury Park's natural ampitheatre, the new course has as its feature a ditch and bank complex, which will be jumped both ways in the inaugural Sporting Index Steeplechase on Sunday, November 12. The £10,000-added event, run over about three miles, highlights the third and final day of the Mackeson Gold Cup meeting.

In addition to the ditch and bank complex, runners will have to negotiate railed hedges, stacks of timber and a replica of the Canal Turn fence at Aintree. The race, to be televised on Channel 4, should prove a spectacular addition to Cheltenham's already dominant National Hunt portfolio. It requires little imagination to envisage the introduction of a race over the new circuit at the Cheltenham Festival.

Among horses under consideration for the inaugural race next month are Its A Snip, recent winner of the demanding Belka Pardubicka in the Czech Republic, and Docklands Express, part-owned by Sporting Index chairman, Compton Hellyer.

Sporting Index has sunk in excess of £50,000 into the venture, much of it absorbed by the course's construction. In keeping with the firm's innovative markets on spread betting, Sporting Index's involvement has secured them the option to sponsor any race run over the new course for three years. "We plan to extend our association with the course well beyond 1997," Hellyer said, "and we are delighted to be involved with something new at the home of jump racing."

The course has been designed by Mike Etherington-Smith, a former event rider who designs the three-day event at Blenheim. The obstacles themselves have been sensibly kept on the small side, although they will be increased in size as the event develops. Nevertheless, the event's novelty is such that prospective runners must first be schooled over a collection of five fences representative of all the obstacles on the course.

Exempt from these demands are horses to have run in the La Touche Cup at the Punchestown Festival and cross-country steeplechase regulars in Europe. "The circuit is very different to what British-trained chasers are used to," Edward Gillespie, managing director at Cheltenham, said. "There's plenty of variety, and most of the action will take place close to the grandstand."

Most of the action on the orthodox course yesterday was severely blighted by a fast surface — and that despite it absorbing close to an inch of overnight rain. There were unusually large queues of punters, although sad to relate they were not waiting to collect winnings.

In the absence of equine attractions, they concentrated their efforts on testing the catering outlets at what was Cheltenham's annual afternoon of providing free food. On yesterday's evidence, the combination of fish and chips remains the nation's favourite.

THUNDERER

1.20 Akalim. 1.50 Mutamanni. 2.20 Time For Action. 2.50 Tasdik. 3.20 Viridis. 3.50 Fabulous Mtoto. 4.20 HATTA BREEZE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 MUTAMANNI.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 MAIN OFFENDER (nap). 2.50 Tasdik. 3.20 Viridis.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.20 RUSHCLIFFE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,560: 6f 15yd) (14 runners)

101 (13) 510025 STOP PLAY 5 (G) (M Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 9-7 ... P Robinson 97
102 (11) 013200 CLINCHER CLUB 14 (F) (B Yeardley Continental) M Johnston 9-7 ... T Williams 97
103 (2) 85105 AKALIM 26 (D,G) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-5 ... R Hills 97
104 (8) 503102 PRECIOUS GIRL 15 (D,G,S) (F Amy) D Moffatt 9-3 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 98
105 (5) 465301 ERUPT 9 (V,D,S) (P Richardson) G Balding 9-2 (7ex) ... J Williams 95
106 (4) 853244 VERA'S FIRST 9 (G,BF) (Mrs V Mason) G Lewis 8-12 ... Paul Eddery 95
107 (9) 364330 DEERLY 14 (D,G) (Mrs C Holder) D Morris 8-9 ... J Stack (3) 96
108 (1) 61550 VAX NEW WAY 9 (B,D,G) (Vax Limited) J Spearing 8-8 ... S Drowne (3) 99
109 (12) 312430 MUSIC MISTRESS 30 (F) (Mrs D Strauss) R Hannon 8-5 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 89
110 (3) 016655 JOLIS PRESENT 28 (B,G) (D Thomson) M Ryan 8-4 ... G Bardwell 98
111 (7) 453421 DON'T TELL ANYONE 26 (G) (Manny Bernstein Ltd) J Berry 7-13 ... P Fessey (5) 95
112 (10) 6003 MULLAGH HILL LAD 13 (Bramble Partners) B McMahon 7-11 ... F Norton 98
113 (6) 03020 RUSTIC SONG 28 (Mrs L Tye) J Wharton 7-11 ... J Quinn 98
114 (14) 5053 DARE BUDGIE 49 (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 7-8 ... N Adams 96

BETTING: 5-1 Stop Play, 7-1 Jolis Present, 8-1 Deerly, Precious Girl, Erupt, 10-1 Mullagh Hill Lad, Music Mistress, 12-1 others.

1994: GALLOWS CORNER 9-6 W R Swinburn (14-1) R Hannon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

STOP PLAY 3¾l 5th of 14 to Lunar Mist in nursery at Newbury (6f, good to soft). PRECIOUS GIRL 2l 2nd of 11 to Charterhouse Xpres in nursery at Haydock (5f, good to soft). ERUPT beat ITSINTHE-POST ¾l in nursery at Chepstow (6f, soft). DON'T TELL ANYONE beat Frances Mary ½l in 12-runner selling nursery at Wolverhampton (5f, AW). Selection: PRECIOUS GIRL

1.50 SHERWOOD CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,915: 6f 15yd) (10 runners)

201 (10) 661 LAY THE BLAME 23 (D,S) (A Foster) W Jarvis 9-3 ... T Quinn –
202 (8) 60 CARMARTHEN BAY 9 (D Jones) G L Moore 8-11 ... A Clark –
203 (6) 000 GRESHAM FLYER 58 (B Richmond) B Richmond 8-11 ... S D Williams –
204 (3) 2 MUTAMANNI 20 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... R Hills 99
205 (1) 0 ROC DE FER 122 (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-11 ... Emma O'Gorman –
206 (9) THENORTHERNPLAYBOY (G Charlesworth) B McMahon 8-11 ... K Darley –
207 (7) 624353 BORN A LADY 12 (G) (D Volrodich) N Littmoden 8-10 ... N Carlisle 82
208 (2) 212 KIROV LADY 55 (D,F) (D Searle) R Hannon 8-10 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 87
209 (5) 3 BALOUSTAR 16 (R Taylor) S Woods 8-6 ... W Woods 88
210 (4) 06 MISS ROBERTO 25 (Mrs M McCourt) Mrs M McCourt 8-6 ... M Fenton –

BETTING: 5-4 Mutamanni, 7-2 Kirov Lady, Lay The Blame, 7-1 Born A Lady, 9-1 others.

1994: BARRI 8-10 W Carson (4-6 fav) J Dunlop 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAY THE BLAME beat Maristax 1¾l in 15-runner maiden auction at Warwick (6f, good to soft). MUTAMANNI 3l 2nd of 11 to Midnight Blue in maiden at Ascot (6f, good to soft). BORN A LADY 7¾l 3rd of 7 to Darlingelda at Catterick (5f, good to firm). KIROV LADY 4l 2nd of 5 to Sea Spray in conditions race at Kempton (7f, good). Selection: KIROV LADY

2.20 SNEINTON CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,054: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

301 (4) 1-40000 DREAMS END 16 (C,D,G,S) (T Price) J Bradley 7-9-6 ... S Drowne (3) 89
302 (11) 15- CAMPAIGN 437 (D,F) (Spectrum) M Heaton 4-9-4 ... M Tebbutt 88
303 (8) 00040-3 HOME COUNTIES 33 (D,F,G) (Roy Clearnsol) D Moffatt 5-9-4 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 86
304 (3) 024-366 KARTTIKEYA 7 (A Poole) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-2 ... S Sanders 91
305 (1) 14-0402 TIME FOR ACTION 104 (G) (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 3-9-0 ... P Robinson 97
306 (9) 06 GREEN DIVOT 20 (K Paynet) G Wragg 4-8-11 ... M Hills –
307 (6) 4-5332 MAIN OFFENDER 7 (BF) (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 3-8-11 ... W Ryan 97
308 (7) TARIAN (Lexxy Partners) G Balding 3-8-11 ... N Carlisle –
309 (10) 304031 BINT ZAMAYEM 7 (D,S) (E Parker) B Hills 3-8-10 ... R Hills 99
310 (5) 6 SOUTH SEA BUBBLE 25 (J De Clair) L Cumani 3-8-6 ... K Darley –
311 (2) VICENZA (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 3-8-6 ... F Norton –

BETTING: 2-1 Bint Zamayem, 3-1 Main Offender, 6-1 Time For Action, 8-1 Vicenza, Home Counties, 12-1 Dreams End, 14-1 others.

1994: DOUBLE BLUE 5-9-4 D Casey (4-9 fav) M Johnston 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOME COUNTIES neck and 1¾l 3rd of 14 to Haroldon in handicap at Haydock (1m 2½f, good) with DREAMS END (13lb better) 13l 9th. TIME FOR ACTION 2l 2nd to Tenorio in handicap at York (1m 4l, good to firm). BINT ZAMAYEM beat MAIN OFFENDER (4lb better) 3½l in maiden at Newbury (1m 2l, good to soft). Selection: TIME FOR ACTION

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2.50 EBF NETHERFIELD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,493: 1m 54yd) (11 runners)

401 (10) 00 ANOTHER PICEA 112 (Mrs M Tinkler) N Tinkler 9-0 ... L Charnock –
402 (11) 0 CENSOR 14 (H de Walden) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan 94
403 (1) 0 CHIEF MOUSE 30 (Lady Vestey) R Charlton 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 81
404 (7) MAGIC HEIGHTS (E Carter) J Banks 9-0 ... J Quinn –
405 (3) 04 MINNISAM 9 (Mrs C Forrester) J Dunlop 9-0 ... T Sprake 80
406 (8) 00 YOUNG DALESMAN 16 (B Garrett) A Streeter 9-0 ... L Newton (5) 68
407 (9) 0 ANOTHER QUARTER 17 (T Mossy) S Woods 8-9 ... W Woods 87
408 (6) 0 ATIENZA 16 (W de Ruiter) S Williams 8-9 ... J Tate –
409 (5) DANCING DEBUT (Cheveley Park Stud) J Gosden 8-9 ... G Hind –
410 (4) 0 PERSUASION 16 (Countess Of Lonsdale) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... D Harrison –
411 (2) 3 TASDIK 17 (BF) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-9 ... R Hills 99

BETTING: 5-2 Tasdik, 3-1 Censor, 7-2 Dancing Debut, 12-1 Another Quarter, Chief Mouse, Persuasion, 14-1 others.

1994: STELVIO 9-0 A McGlone (6-1) H Cecil 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CENSOR 6¾l 9th of 14 to Silver Dome in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). CHIEF MOUSE 12l 12th of 20 to Helicon in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). MINNISAM 17¾l 4th of 10 to Latin Reign in maiden at Chepstow (1m, soft). DANCING DEBUT (foaled Jan 23). By Polar Falcon; dam fairly useful 7f juvenile winner. TASDIK 2¾l 3rd of 18 to Fairlight Down in maiden at Leicester (7f, good) with ANOTHER QUARTER 5¾l 9th. Selection: TASDIK (nap)

3.20 EBF NETHERFIELD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,460: 1m 54yd) (11 runners)

501 (5) 60 ELA-YIE-MOU 30 (A Michael) L Cumani 9-0 ... T Quinn 90
502 (3) 0 FLOCHECK 14 (Stonethorn Stud Farms) J Dunlop 9-0 ... R Cochrane 99
503 (10) 06 JUMP THE LIGHTS 7 (S Woods) S Woods 9-0 ... W Woods 83
504 (4) PENCILLED IN (Sheikh Mohammed) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid –
505 (1) 00000 REEF RAIDER 7 (B) (Speedlith Group) N Tinkler 9-0 ... L Charnock 78
506 (2) SADLER'S REALM (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 ... K Bradshaw –
507 (8) 0 BULLPEN BELLE 9 (J Wellinger) P Walwyn 8-9 ... K Darley 80
508 (7) 0 DANCE STAR 26 (H Yong) M Jarvis 8-9 ... Emma O'Gorman 93
509 (9) 0 SALSIAN 16 (I Southcott) S Williams 8-9 ... J Tate 83
510 (11) 00 TASHJIR 17 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) D Morley 8-9 ... M Hills 88
511 (6) VIRIDIS (H de Walden) H Cecil 8-9 ... W Ryan –

BETTING: 9-4 Sadler's Realm, 5-2 Viridis, 3-1 Pencilled In, 7-1 Ela-Yie-Mou, 12-1 Flocheck, 14-1 Dance Star, 16-1 others.

1994: STELVIO 9-0 A McGlone (6-1) H Cecil 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

PENCILLED IN (foaled Jan 11). Half-brother by Old Vic to 7f winner Clovis Point; dam 1m 1f winner. SADLER'S REALM (foaled Apr 10). Half-brother by Sadler's Wells to 1m winner Convivial and to grade II winner Jovial. DANCE STAR 10l 13th of 23 to Astor Place in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). VIRIDIS (foaled May 4). Half-sister by Green Dancer to three winners including fair stayer Vishnu; dam 1m 2f winner in France. No selection

3.50 MIX-IT PRODUCTS HANDICAP
(£4,858: 1m 6f) (19 runners)

601 (7) 112230 SOBA UP 19 (F,S) (Mrs M Hills) T Etherington 5-9-10 ... A Culhane 96
602 (4) 324040 SEA FREEDOM 12 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-9-1 ... J Williams 93
603 (10) 3-01650 PUMICE 15 (F) (Lord Halifax) L Cumani 3-9-0 ... K Darley 89
604 (19) 44/10/0 TIGERSONG 7 (G) (J Gordon) Miss M Milligan 5-9-0 ... D McKeown –
605 (6) 214000 QUEST AGAIN 32 (F) (Miss P Decker) D Arbuthnot 4-8-12 ... T Quinn 91
606 (1) 343050 GENERAL MOUKTAR 41 (B,F,G) (A Helsted) M Pipe 5-8-7 ... Paul Eddery 99
607 (18) 8030-00 TILTY 7 (F,G) (Cheadle Racing) A Streeter 5-8-6 ... L Newton (5) 89
608 (11) 225000 REQUESTED 7 (D,F,G) (B Alder) P Burgoyne 8-8-3 ... D R McCabe (3) 91
609 (16) 600033 CUANGO 6 (F,G,S) (Barnucho Stud) R Hollinshead 4-8-1 ... M Henry (5) 96
610 (5) 1200-00 PRUSSIA 26 (F) (Prussia Partners) W Clay 4-8-0 ... N Carlisle 86
611 (14) 506002 FABILLION 9 (B Horton) C Smith 3-7-13 ... C Rutter 96
612 (8) 500000 FABULOUS MTOTO 7 (G) (Mrs D Saunders) M Saunders 5-7-10 ... J F Egan 93
613 (9) 433530 HARRY WELSH 24 (V,F) (J Vasicek) K McAuliffe 3-7-10 ... J Quinn 94
614 (2) 326020 ANTARTICTERN 19 (F,G) (W Ireson) G Oldroyd 5-7-7 ... L Charnock 96
615 (17) 2/023-04 FULL QUIVER 29 (V,CD,F,F) (R Parker) Mrs B Waring 10-7-7 ... N Varley (3) 91
616 (13) 23436-0 PEPTIST 14 (Gemini Partners 2) M Hammond 4-7-7 ... D Wright (3) 83
617 (15) 500033 THROWER 21J (BF)(V) (M Owen) B Preece 4-7-7 ... DOUBTFUL 84
618 (12) 24200-0 POLY SCREEN 37 (Dr Hill Flyer) C Smith 4-7-7 ... J Lowe 80
619 (3) 300-500 CHARMED LIFE 23 (B,G,S) (P Brader) Mrs A King 6-7-7 ... P Fessey (5) 76

Long handicap: Full Quiver 7-6, Peptist 7-6, Thrower 7-3, Poly Screen 7-3, Charmed Life 6-8.

BETTING: 5-1 Pumice, 6-1 Sea Freedom, 8-1 Cuango, 10-1 General Mouktar, 12-1 Soba Up, Fabillion, 14-1 others.

1994: SPECIAL RISK 4-8-5 J Quinn (8-1) R Akehurst 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOBA UP 4¾l 3rd of 4 to Source Of Light in listed handicap at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. SEA FREEDOM about 7¾l 4th of 12 to Maeati To Be in handicap at Ascot (2m, soft) on penultimate start, with REQUESTED (3lb better off) about 31¼l 12th. PUMICE about 6¼l 5th of 11 to Out On A Promise in conditions race at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. GENERAL MOUKTAR 12¾l 5th of 6 to Broughtons Formula in apprentices handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CUANGO neck and 4l 3rd of 13 to Sugar Mill in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6l 132yd, good to firm). FABILLION 2l 2nd of 18 to Snow Princess in handicap at Chepstow (1m 4l, soft). HARRY WELSH head and 4l 3rd of 19 to All The Joys in handicap at Lingfield (1m 6f, soft) on penultimate start. Selection: SOBA UP

4.20 WOODTHORPE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,960: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

1 (15) 005002 LYNTON LAD 7 (B,G) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 9-7 ... S Copp (7) 95
2 (18) 500021 BARREL OF HOPE 7 (B,G,S) (P Watson) J Eyre 9-7 ... S D Williams 97
3 (16) 340- STORM FLASH 313 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-5 ... D Harrison 82
4 (10) 049502 PELLEMAN 8 (F) (M Berger) R Boss 9-5 ... W Ryan 87
5 (2) 304131 HATTA BREEZE 17 (B,D,G) (A Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-2 ... D R McCabe (3) 93
6 (4) 33-0260 SPUMANTE 8 (T Rowley) B Champion 9-1 ... A McGlone 88
7 (3) 450100 RISKY ROMEO 23 (D,F,G) (Miss S Duincei) G Bravery 8-13 ... M Hills 94
8 (6) 034 FARMER'S TERN 141 (D Midwood) W Jarvis 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 89
9 (14) 105024 SUPER HIGH 10 (D,G) (Mrs J Khan) P Howling 8-9 ... R Cochrane 97
10 (6) 005000 ALMASI 12 (G) (Equinns Partners) C Wall 8-8 ... W Woods 80
11 (9) 02601 MASTER CHARTER 6 (F) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-7 ... S Sanders 99
12 (7) 40-060R RUN-DO-RUN 17 (R Coombes) H Collingridge 8-5 ... M Rimmer 94
13 (17) 16-609 MNEMONIC 17 (F) (Ginsonfield Ltd) H Candy 8-1 ... N Adams 96
14 (1) 200000 PC'S CRUISER 23 (V,D,G) (PC Racing Partners) J Eyre 8-0 ... N Varley (3) 91
15 (19) 001350 BELLATEENA 29 (C,F) (N Gardner) H Collingridge 8-0 ... J Quinn 93
16 (20) 094 OZUBECK 16 (H Kuwahara) B Hanbury 8-0 ... J Stack (3) –
17 (11) 460-0 LA DAMA 185 (Miss A Beswell) F O'Mahony 7-13 ... T Williams 98
18 (13) 5-00500 EL DON 24 (D Morris) M Ryan 7-13 ... G Bardwell 85
19 (5) 000 JILLY BEVELED 43 (W Kelly) R Hannon 7-11 ... N Carlisle –
20 (12) 003103 CUBAN REEF 23 (G) (K West) W Musson 7-10 ... A Mackay 85

BETTING: 5-1 Master Charter, 8-1 Hatta Breeze, 9-1 Pelleman, 10-1 Barrel Of Hope, 11-1 Lynton Lad, Super High, 12-1 others.

1994: JUST HARRY 3-7-12 D Biggs (5-1) M Ryan 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARREL OF HOPE beat LYNTON LAD 1¾l in 27-runner apprentices handicap at Newbury (7f, good to soft). STORM FLASH best effort last term head and 3¾l 3rd of 7 to Green City in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). PELLEMAN 1¾l 2nd of 18 to Spencer's Revenge in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, firm). HATTA BREEZE beat Misty Silks 1¾l in 20-runner handicap at Leicester (1m, good) with MNEMONIC (5lb better off) 7¾l 9th. SPUMANTE best recent effort 1¼l 2nd of 10 to South Rock in handicap at Nottingham (1m, firm). RISKY ROMEO best effort, beat Eden's Star ¾l in 9-runner handicap at Warwick (1m, firm). SUPER HIGH 1¾l 2nd of 14 to Polly Peculiar at Folkestone (1m 1½f, soft) on penultimate start. MASTER CHARTER beat Scissor Ridge ½l in 21-runner handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). Selection: BARREL OF HOPE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 27 winners from 74 runners, 36.5%; J Gosden, 13 from 37, 35.1%; R Charlton, 9 from 33, 27.3%; L Cumani, 9 from 34, 26.5%; J Banks, 3 from 13, 23.1%; G Wragg, 6 from 31, 19.4%; J Dunlop, 21 from 113, 18.6%; D Morley, 9 from 61, 14.8%.

JOCKEYS: D Harrison, 12 winners from 71 rides, 16.9%; R Hills, 12 from 78, 15.4%; Paul Eddery, 16 from 110, 14.5%; T Quinn, 14 from 101, 13.9%; P Robinson, 12 from 87, 13.8%; J Reid, 12 from 89, 13.5%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Yarmouth

Going: firm

1.25 (5f 43yd) 1, Dande Flyer (B Doyle, 7-2); 2, Gagajulu (7-2); 3, Time For Tea (13-2). Little Noggins 10-11 fav. 5 ran. 4l, hd. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £5.10; £2.50, £2.50. DF: £12.20. CSF: £14.65.

2.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Sasaedo (Emma O'Gorman, 2-1 fav); 2, Moujeeb (14-1); 3, Bowden Rose (5-2). 5 ran. 2l, sh hd. W O'Gorman. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £2.50. DF: £8.20. CSF: £19.97.

2.35 (7f 3yd) 1, Mawjud (R Hills, 8-1); 2, Medieval Lady (12-1); 3, Royal Canaska (4-1). Balladur 4-6 fav. 10 ran. Nk, ¾l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £6.90; £2.00, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £27.80. Trio: £38.60. CSF: £91.83.

3.10 (7f 3yd) 1, Nasheat (J Stack, 3-1, Thunderer's nap); 2, Spencer's Revenge (7-4 fav); 3, Berge (6-1). 14 ran. 2l, 5l. N Walker. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £5.00. Trio: £5.10. CSF: £8.70.

3.45 (1m 3yd) 1, Bright Water (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Aethra (20-1); 3, Introducing (11-4). 13 ran. Nk, 4l. H Cecil. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £3.70, £1.20. DF: £35.70. Trio: £47.10. CSF: £35.83. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

4.15 (7f 3yd) 1, Ahjay (M Roberts, 9-2); 2, Agoer (12-1); 3, Hickory Blue (9-1). Darcey Bussell 4-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: No Speeches. 1¾l, 3l. D Wilson. Tote: £7.10; £1.90, £2.80, £2.70. DF: £22.00. Trio: £143.60. CSF: £57.14. Tricast: £444.49.

Jackpot: £15,941.00.

Placepot: £251.90. Quadpot: £56.40.

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm

1.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Monicasman (A Maguire, 9-4 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Campeche Bay (20-1); 3, Star Of David (11-2). 12 ran. 2l, hd. A Jarvis. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £7.00, £1.90. DF: £63.10. Trio: £185.50. CSF: £42.07.

1.45 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, K C's Dancer (Mr R Thornton, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Bowl Of Oats (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Green Walk (7-2). 9 ran. Hd, 10l. R Dickin. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £7.60. Trio: £5.30. CSF: £11.81. Tricast: £28.88.

2.20 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1, Smith Too (W Marston, 7-2); 2, Holy Joe (10-1); 3, Same Difference (100-30). Sticky Money 8-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Greenhil Tare Away. 3l, 2l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £4.80; £2.20, £2.70. DF: £21.70. CSF: £31.47.

2.55 (2m 5f ch) 1, Dextra Dove (C Maude, 9-4); 2, Mine's An Ace (5-1). Wise Approach 4-6 fav (f). 3 ran. Only 2 finished. NR: Icarus. 25l. S Earle. Tote: £3.00. DF: £3.30. CSF: £9.58.

3.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Mutly (R Dunwoody, 10-11 fav); 2, Royal Expression (2-1); 3, Risk A Million (25-1). 5 ran. 1¾l, 20l. C Mann. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.00.

4.05 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Storm Falcon (Chris Webb, 6-4 fav); 2, Berlone (4-1); 3, Norse Raider (13-8). 4 ran. 1¾l, 6l. S Mellor. Tote: £2.10. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.15.

4.35 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Wilde Music (T J Murphy, 9-4); 2, Your Risk (11-8 fav); 3, Gemini Mist (11-1). 8 ran. Nk, 7l. C Brooks. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.31.

Placepot: £127.80. Quadpot: £68.50.

Fontwell Park

Going: good (good to firm in places)

1.35 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Lord Glenvara (A P McCoy, 11-4 fav); 2, Dalfin (7-2); 3, Springtime Affair (5-1). 8 ran. 8l, 15l. T McGovern. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £5.70. CSF: £11.50. Tricast: £36.14.

2.10 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Columcille (Mr P Henley, 7-4 fav); 2, Fettuccine (33-1); 3, Capsize (9-1). 6 ran. 1l, 7l. R Alner. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £4.10. DF: £18.80. CSF: £32.58.

2.45 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Bures (D Gallagher, 11-4); 2, Ivy Edith (5-2); 3, Esprit De Femme (12-1). Stapleford Lady 6-4 fav. 5 ran. 5l, 6l. M Tompkins. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £1.80. DF: £3.90. CSF: £9.45.

3.20 (2m 2f ch) 1, Cyrill Henry (B Powell, 10-1); 2, Emerald Moon (8-1); 3, Rayman (2-1). 7 ran. 12l, dist. S Earle. Tote: £12.40; £2.80, £3.80. DF: £29.50. CSF: £72.43.

3.55 (3m 3f ch) 1, Zajira (Mr R Johnson, 7-4 fav); 2, Time Enough (5-1); 3, Rainbow Castle (9-4). 8 ran. 2l, 13l. P Eccles. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £8.70. CSF: £10.32. Tricast: £17.60.

4.25 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Clash Of Cymbals (W McFarland, 5-2); 2, The Reprobate (4-7 fav); 3, My Books Are Best (20-1). 6 ran. NR: Elusive Star. Dist, 25l. J Moore. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.86.

Placepot: £151.90. Quadpot: £138.30 (part won. Pool of £93.50 carried forward to Nottingham today).

☐ Bright Water, a brother to Tenby, the beaten favourite for the 1993 Derby, won on his debut in the Ranworth Maiden Stakes at Yarmouth yesterday. "He'll be a nice horse over a mile and a half next year," Henry Cecil's assistant, Simon Sweeting, said.

STRATFORD

THUNDERER

1.30 Samlee. 2.00 Sophism. 2.30 Petty Bridge. 3.00 Tamergale. 3.30 Belstone Fox. 4.00 Mr Primetime. 4.30 Dark Nightingale.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.30 SPOTLIGHT ADVERTISING MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £2,507: 2m 6f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 02- BANGABUNNY 180 Mrs S Bramall 5-11-3 ... Mr K Whelan (5) –
2 0P-0 CLOD HOPPER 26 Mrs H Parrott 5-11-3 ... L Harvey –
3 5F44 EVERSO IRISH 4 (F) J McConnochie 6-11-3 ... J R Kavanagh 69
4 IMPERIAL VINTAGE K Bailey 5-11-3 ... S McNeill –
5 00- ROYAL TRUMP 192 M Bradstock 6-11-3 ... P Holley –
6 5R2- SAMLEE 187 P Hobbs 6-11-3 ... Peter Hobbs 99
7 42- THREE SAINTS 210 T Forster 6-11-3 ... S Wynne –
8 U52- MA BELLA LUNA 173 J Moore 6-10-12 ... W McFarland 66
9 33-4 SEYMOURSWIFT 138 D Gandolfo 5-10-12 ... M Dwyer –
10 00- SWING QUARTET 259 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 ... C Llewellyn –

2-1 Samlee, 4-1 Three Saints, Imperial Vintage, 7-1 Seymourswift, 8-1 Everso Irish, 10-1 Bangabunny, Swing Quartet, 12-1 others.

2.00 HFN LANDSCAPES SELLING HURDLE
(£2,367: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 351- SOPHISM 7F (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-7 ... D Bridgwater 99
2 -11F TAKE TWO 38 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J White 7-11-7 ... A Maguire 74
3 P14- MINT A MILLION 42F (D,S) M Blanchard 4-11-6 ... D Gallagher 71
4 PP-0 FAEZ 3F (B) R Simpson 5-11-2 ... B Clifford –
5 2 HEAD FOR HEAVEN 12 R Hoad 5-11-2 ... A S Smith 71
6 PP- PERTEMPS FLYER 181 Simon Earle 4-11-7 ... C Maude –
7 600- DRAGONMIST 203F F Jordan 5-10-11 ... J Lodder 50
8 600/ GREEN'S MOLLON 1359 M Bratain 7-10-11 ... D Wilkinson –
9 /00 MADAM ROSE 12 J Mullins 5-10-11 ... S Righton (7) –
10 /0P- MY PREROGATIVE 162 A Carroll 6-10-11 ... W Marston –
11 PP- OFF THE AIR 16F B Llewellyn 4-10-10 ... A P McCoy –
12 0 WHARFEDALE MUSIC 12 M Pipe 4-10-10 ... J Lower –

4-6 Sophism, 3-1 Take Two, 8-1 Mint A Million, Head For Heaven, 10-1 Faez, 12-1 My Prerogative, Wharfedale Music, 20-1 others.

2.30 ALLENS CARAVANS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,571: 3m 4f) (7)

1 F3-4 CELTIC PRINCE 26 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-9 ... C Llewellyn 99
2 063- PETTY BRIDGE 145 (CD,F,G,S) A James 11-11-6 ... A Maguire 93
3 1P-1 OVER THE STREAM 22 (F,G) K Bailey 9-11-3 ... T J Murphy (3) 90
4 48-R SPECIAL ACCOUNT 12 (V,C,F,G,S) C Barwell 9-10-11 ... G Bradley 98
5 73-2 ROMANY CREEK 21 (V,F,G,S) G Balding 6-10-7 ... A P McCoy 98
6 1112 MAGIC BLOOM 22 (BF,F,G) J Jefferson 9-10-5 ... L Wyer 95
7 13-5 AGRA 14 (B,S) M Pipe 7-10-0 ... D Bridgwater 89

3-1 Celtic Prince, 7-2 Over The Stream, 4-1 Petty Bridge, 5-1 Romany Creek, 6-1 Magic Bloom, Agra, 12-1 Special Account.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 26 winners from 93 runners, 28.0%; O Sherwood, 7 from 25, 28.0%; P Hobbs, 12 from 56, 21.4%; A Turnell, 4 from 19, 21.1%; C Barwell, 4 from 19, 21.1%; C Brooks, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: S Wynne, 7 winners from 21 rides, 33.3%; A Maguire, 24 from 95, 25.3%; J A McCarthy, 7 from 28, 25%; J Lower, 5 from 20, 25.0%; P McLoughlin, 5 from 22, 22.7%; Peter Hobbs, 11 from 52, 21.2%.

3.00 ARCHIE SCOTT BENEVOLENT FUND CUP
(Handicap hurdle: £3,155: 2m 6f 110yd) (14)

1 445- MORSTOCK 16F (G) R Hodges 5-11-10 ... T Dascombe (7) 92
2 -U30 BLASKET HERO 28 (B,D,F,G) Mrs S Williams 7-11-2 ... S Lyons (3) 94
3 353- ROYAL PIPER 197 (D,S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-2 ... A Tory 99
4 250- TAMERGALE 215 (S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-13 ... C Llewellyn 99
5 -012 MASTER OF THE ROCK 17 (F,G,S) J Mackie 6-10-10 ... T Eley 93
6 P22- SILVER STANDARD 192 (S) T Forster 5-10-10 ... S Wynne 95
7 1-44 TRIPPIANO 19 (F) Mrs J Cecil 5-10-10 ... T Kent 88
8 P/P- MONTAGNARD 321 (B,G,S) M Bradstock 11-10-9 ... G Bradley –
9 40-2 ROMALITO 15 M Blanshard 5-10-5 ... D Gallagher 90
10 P5F- PRIZE MATCH 328 (S) J Tuck 6-10-6 ... S McNeill 93
11 3214 GUNMAKER 20 (BF,G,S) B Llewellyn 6-10-4 ... Mr J L Llewellyn 93
12 P25/ MANZOOR SAYADAN 915F (G) P Murphy 7-10-3 ... E Murphy –
13 /5P- TRY NEXT DOOR 231 (S) M Sirtain 8-10-0 ... D Wilkinson –
14 321- WAKT 352 (D,S) J White 5-10-0 ... P McLoughlin (3) 78

7-2 Tamergale, 9-2 Silver Standard, 5-1 Royal Piper, 6-1 Morstock, 8-1 Master Of The Rock, Trippiano, 12-1 others.

3.30 MERCURY TAVERNS HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,858: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 3P-P YOUNG POKEY 20 (F,G) O Sherwood 10-12-0 ... J A McCarthy 93
2 P64- BELSTONE FOX 155 (CD,G,S) D Nicholson 10-11-11 ... A Maguire 98
3 -841 TIME WON'T WAIT 12 (CD,F,G) R Phillips 8-10-13 ... J Railton 99
4 5/1- FRONT STREET 245 (S) S Sherwood 8-10-8 ... C Llewellyn 89

6-4 Time Won't Wait, 3-1 Belstone Fox, 7-2 Young Pokey, Front Street.

4.00 SPOTLIGHT ADVERTISING MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £2,493: 2m 6f 110yd) (10)

1 BECKY'S REVENGE A Turnell 5-11-3 ... S Fox (5) –
2 BUCKMAN Miss J Doyle 5-11-3 ... S Curran (3) –
3 0F5- HAL'S PRINCE 219 J Needham 8-11-3 ... G Hogan (5) –
4 P0- INVER CLOUD 348 C Weedon 6-11-3 ... Peter Hobbs –
5 LUKE WARM D Gandolfo 5-11-3 ... D Leahy –
6 5P-4 MR PRIMETIME 19 C Brooks 5-11-3 ... G Bradley 97
7 NEEDWOOD JOKER 539F J A Harris 4-11-2 ... T Dascombe (7) –
8 0/6 GOLDENSWIFT 19 G Balding 5-10-12 ... A P McCoy –
9 235- MILLMOUNT 229 (S) T McGovern 5-10-12 ... D Bridgwater 99
10 P RUBY ESTATE 75 A James 4-10-11 ... W Marston –

7-4 Mr Primetime, 3-1 Millmount, 5-1 Becky's Revenge, 7-1 Luke Warm, 8-1 Hal's Prince, Goldenswift, 12-1 Buckman, 16-1 others.

4.30 COWIE INTERLEASING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,514: 2m 110yd) (15)

1 25-1 PRESTON GUILD 12 (CD,F) S Earle 5-12-0 ... Mr J Culloty (7) 92
2 P32- HAWAIIAN SAM 219 A Turnell 5-11-11 ... L Harvey 90
3 402- MARTHA'S DAUGHTER 187 T Forster 6-11-10 ... Chris Webb (5) 96
4 -211 PLEASURE TRICK 12 (CD,F,G) N Tinkler 4-11-3 ... M Dwyer 96
5 2022 TENAYESTELIGN 26 D Marks 7-11-2 ... D Gallagher 98
6 0B1- DARK NIGHTINGALE 159 (G) O Sherwood 5-10-12 ... J A McCarthy 92
7 464- FLASHMAN 10F B Llewellyn 5-10-9 ... A P McCoy 99
8 2-2U SUPER SHARP 106 (G) H Oliver 7-10-6 ... Jacqui Oliver 97
9 00/ AMLACE 80F S Mellor 6-10-6 ... M Perrett –
10 50-1 AVIATOR'S DREAM 21F (S) J Pearce 5-10-5 ... P Hide 97
11 060- NORTHERN SINGER 322 R Hodges 5-10-3 ... A Tory 88
12 000 CHANCE ENCOUNTER 23 Mrs S Williams 5-10-0 ... D Gallagher 81
13 60P- HIGHTOWN CAVALIER 304 R Hodges 4-10-0 ... T Dascombe (7) –
14 00P- EXPORT MONDIAL 171F D French Davis 5-10-0 ... S McNeill 85
15 530F LORCANJO 8 (D,G) D Carey 4-10-0 ... B Powell 98

4-1 Hawaiian Sam, 5-1 Pleasure Trick, 6-1 Tenayestelign, Martha's Daughter, 7-1 Dark Nightingale, 8-1 Preston Guild, 10-1 Aviator's Dream, 12-1 others.

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER

1.10 Icanspell. 1.40 Adrien. 2.10 Val De Rama. 2.40 Amber Holly. 3.10 Go Again. 3.40 Iffeee. 4.10 Magslad.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.10 STONEGRAVE AGGREGATES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,828: 2m 1f 110yd) 10 runners)

1 5P0- MHEMEANLES 18F (D,F) Capt J Wilson 5-11-10 ... Mr R Johnson (5) –
2 4423 CANDID LAD 19 (F) F Storey 8-11-8 ... B Storey –
3 -054 ICANSPELL 17 (B,CD,G) W Storey 4-11-6 ... J Supple (3) –
4 5R24 STAGS FELL 5 (CD,F,G) T Cuthbert 10-11-4 ... Carol Cuthbert –
5 55-2 PALACE RIVER 15F D Moffatt 7-11-3 ... D J Moffatt –
6 -4P5 PRESSURE GAME 12 (F) B Mactaggart 12-11-2 ... G Lee (3) –
7 -24P RAGAZZO 33F J Wainwright 5-11-1 ... A Dobbin –
8 1305 CARDEA CASTLE 17 (C,F) I Park 7-11-0 ... N Smith –
9 PP J C GREY 20 Denys Smith 3-10-11 ... P Niven –
10 5260 HARD TO GET 7 (B,D,G) M Barraclough 8-10-1 ... Ann Stokell –

5-2 Stags Fell, 4-1 Palace River, 9-2 Candid Lad, 5-1 Pressure Game, 7-1 Mhemeanles, 10-1 Icanspell, 12-1 others.

1.40 QUARRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,588: 3m 3f 110yd) (4)

1 66-1 ADRIEN 5 (F,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-12-5 (7ex) ... J Burke
2 0-23 ANDROS GALE 20 J Johnson 6-11-3 ... J F Titley
3 -654 CLASSIC STATEMENT 17 (CD,F,S) J Hellens 9-10-11 ... S Taylor (7)
4 6-4P SHELTON ABBEY 22 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Wade 9-10-6 ... K Jones

4-6 Adrien, 3-1 Andros Gale, 5-1 Classic Statement, 7-1 Shelton Abbey.

2.10 ROWENA COLEMAN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,770: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 1P-1 VAL DE RAMA 55 (CD,F,G) Denys Smith 6-12-0 ... P Niven
2 323- DEEP DAWN 167P (G) S Clark 12-11-13 ... Miss R Clark (7)
3 -241 SOUSON 17 (B,CD,F,G) J Wade 7-11-5 ... D Ryan (7)
4 /P-5 ABLE PLAYER 17 (B,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-4 ... J Burke
5 3226 BLOOMING SPRING 12 Mrs D Thomson 6-10-1 ... L O'Hara
6 3215 GREEN'S SEAGO 6 (BF,F,G) J A Harris 7-10-0 ... A Dobbin
7 /4R GOLDEN REVERIE 5 (G) B Mactaggart 7-10-0 ... B Storey

2-1 Val De Rama, 9-4 Souson, 4-1 Able Player, 5-1 Green's Seago, 8-1 Blooming Spring, 14-1 Deep Dawn, 16-1 Golden Reverie.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME. Nottingham: 1.20 Vax New Way. 3.50 Thrower. 4.20 Pc's Cruiser.

2.40 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,546: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 35-4 CAMPTOSAURUS 12 D Alder 6-11-0 ... A Thornton
2 004- OLD ALE 185 J Curtis 5-11-0 ... L O'Hara
3 6-0 BLOWN A FUSE 19 J Upson 4-10-13 ... J Supple (3)
4 -00R DIESEL'S FOLLY 17 R Woodhouse 4-10-13 ... P Niven
5 -452 AMBER HOLLY 19 J Dixon 6-10-9 ... B Storey

5-4 Amber Holly, 7-4 Camptosaurus, 4-1 Old Ale, 12-1 Diesel's Folly, 14-1 Blown A Fuse.

3.10 JAYNE THOMPSON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£2,747: 2m 5f) (4)

1 P5 GO AGAIN 22 J Upson 6-11-0 ... J Supple (3)
2 4FP- KELPIE THE CELT 187 Mrs D Thomson 8-11-0 ... L O'Hara
3 P/P SUPERVISION 36 R McKellar 7-11-0 ... G Cahill (7)
4 2P- GLYNN BRAE 187P D Davies 5-10-12 ... Mr J Jukes

7-4 Go Again, 2-1 Glynn Brae, 9-4 Kelpie The Celt, 6-1 Supervision.

3.40 NIGHT NURSE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,496: 3m 3f) (6)

1 2P22 CLARES OWN 8 (C,F,G,S) J Wade 11-12-0 ... K Jones
2 525- PRINCE YAZA 168 (CD,F,G,S) J Curtis 8-11-13 ... L O'Hara
3 /2- BOW HANDY MAN 153 (C,F,G,S) J Gledson 13-11-9 ... Mr A Manners (7)
4 R-31 IFFEEE 17 (CD,F,G) P Bowen 8-11-5 ... Mr R Johnson (5)
5 2235 UPWELL 17 (CD,F) R Johnson 11-10-0 ... A Dobbin
6 4282 COUP DE CATHERINE 6 W Barker 9-10-0 ... R Supple

2-1 Clares Own, 11-4 Iffeee, 4-1 Prince Yaza, 5-1 Bow Handy Man, 8-1 Upwell, 10-1 Coup De Catherine.

4.10 BONUSPRINT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,611: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 0-11 MAGSLAD 5 (F) J J O'Neill 5-12-0 ... A Roche (3)
2 CONDIHAME Martyn Wane 5-11-4 ... Mr S Swiers
3 0 ONE MORE BILL 17 J Wade 5-11-4 ... D Ryan (7)
4 0 QUEENSMEAD RULE 19 J Parkes 5-10-13 ... R McCarthy (7)

1-4 Magslad, 5-1 One More Bill, 8-1 Condihame, 16-1 Queensmead Rule.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: I Park, 7 winners from 24 runners, 29.2%; J Hellens, 13 from 64, 20.3%; J J O'Neill, 9 from 50, 18.0%; J Johnson, 20 from 146, 13.7%; W Storey, 5 from 45, 11.1%; Denys Smith, 10 from 94, 10.6%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 58 winners from 170 rides, 34.1%; G Lee, 8 from 28, 28.6%; D Ryan, 7 from 42, 16.7%; J Supple, 10 from 74, 13.5%; A Thornton, 5 from 39, 12.8%; Mr S Swiers, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

Reading may protest after rivals' criticise decision to abandon cup-tie

Bitter Bury rue missed opportunity

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON



Keown rises high above a struggling Barnsley defence to head home Arsenal's third goal in their win at Oakwell. Photograph: John Sibley

READING needed assistance from above, when they trailed 2-0 after only 28 minutes of their Coca-Cola Cup third-round tie against Bury on Tuesday night, and they got it. The heavens opened, flooded their Elm Park pitch and forced John Kirkby, the referee, to abandon the match.

Cue protests from the Bury supporters, players and management, who felt that the conditions were still more suitable for football than water polo. Their Reading counterparts, not surprisingly, begged to differ and said a silent prayer of collective thanks to the rain gods.

Phil Stant, the Bury and former Reading striker, was furious. He had scored the first goal after five minutes — Tony Rigby added the second ten minutes later — and claimed that the Reading players had unduly influenced Kirkby in his final decision. "I wonder whether it would have been called off if Reading were winning 2-0," he said.

Stan Ternant, the Bury manager, was equally perplexed. "It was ridiculous," he said. "When the referee stopped it, the conditions were no worse than they were at the beginning." Yet Kirkby, from Sheffield, believed that he made the correct choice. "The conditions were farcical," he said. "It was becoming a lottery and some of the touchlines were being completely washed away."

As the storm rumbled on, off the pitch, Reading officials were yesterday considering making a complaint to the Football Association over Stant's claims that they had "cheated" in getting the game called off.

"I can assure everyone that there are no cheats at this club," Jimmy Quinn, Reading's joint player-manager, said. "It is totally out of order to suggest otherwise. The referee is the only man who can call the game off and we had no bearing on his decision.

"I thought he was right. You couldn't pass the ball ten yards without it getting stuck in the water and there was also a danger of players sliding off the pitch into the advertising hoardings."

Adrian Williams, the Reading captain, said: "I don't think anyone, hand on their heart, could say it was the wrong decision. I sympathise with Bury, but I don't think we'd have been 2-0 down in normal conditions." The 8,034 spectators will be given half-price admission when the game is restaged on November 7.

Wild weather swept most of the country on Tuesday, but the other four Coca-Cola Cup ties were completed without mishap. Blackburn Rovers, the FA Carling Premiership champions, produced another unconvincing display but still beat Watford 2-1 at Vicarage Road.

After Kevin Phillips had given Watford a 43rd-minute lead, taking advantage of an error by Ian Pearce, goals from Alan Shearer — his fourteenth of the season — and Mike Newell settled the issue. Newell's header 11 minutes from time proved a point he has been trying to make for months.

"All I have ever asked for is a fair crack of the whip," he said — a reference to his lack of a regular run in the side. "I felt it was unfair that I didn't get back in after losing my place through injury last season. I just want to be treated fairly."

Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, may need no more convincing. "I thought Mike was excellent, both in his movement off the ball and on it," he said.

Arsenal's impressive form continued when they overcame the potentially awkward hurdle of an away match at Barnsley with consumate ease. They won 3-0 — their ninth victory in 13 outings this season — with goals from Steve Bould, Dennis Bergkamp and Martin Keown.

Tranmere Rovers earned a replay after drawing 1-1 at Birmingham City, with Ian Moore equalising 15 minutes from the end after John McGreal had put through his own net after just 80 seconds to give the home side the lead, while Bolton Wanderers and Leicester City will also need a second attempt to resolve their differences. They drew 0-0 at Burnden Park.

Rangers fail to overcome injury crisis

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THEY may have the biggest, most expensive and most cosmopolitan squad in Scottish football, but Rangers discovered on Tuesday night that even their fame and fortune cannot guarantee success. An injury crisis at Ibrox was, according to Walter Smith, their manager, no excuse for the way his side slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Aberdeen in their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final at Hampden Park. Rangers should, he felt, have been capable of overcoming any such handicap.

"We've been disjointed for most of the season," Smith said. "I think some people are looking at the way we are playing and taking comfort in the injuries, but when you have a squad like we do, then they should be capable of winning games like the semi-final. The squad against Aberdeen was capable of far better than they showed."

Thus were injuries to Richard Gough, Brian Laudrup, Charlie Miller, Stuart McCall, Ian Ferguson, David Robertson and Trevor Steven dismissed as an excuse for losing to Aberdeen. In their stead, the reserve team coach, John Brown, 33, was handed his first start of the season, although there was still around £10 million-worth of talent in the side, including Paul Gascoigne, Oleg Salenko, Stephen Wright and Gordan Petric.

On the night, however, it was Aberdeen's Billy Dodds and Eoin Jess who took the honours, Dodds scoring both his side's goals, while Jess dictated affairs from midfield. They went ahead after 52 minutes, Jess playing a probing pass for Dodds to burst into the area and beat Goram in the Rangers goal from a narrow angle. Fifteen minutes later, Dodds, unmarked, met Glass's deep cross from the left with a firm header to make it 2-0. When Salenko finally replied for Rangers, it was too little, too late.

"We didn't do enough in the first hour or more to punish Aberdeen," Smith lamented afterwards. "After Aberdeen scored, they were by far the better side and we didn't do nearly enough to win the game."

Another worry for the Rangers manager is Gascoigne's simmering temper. Booked for raising an arm to Dodds after 37 minutes, he has been booked four times in eight domestic appearances, as well as once in two European Cup Champions' League ties. Two more yellow cards will exceed the Scottish Football Association's 16-point threshold and result in a one-match ban.

There appear to be no such worries for Aberdeen, who, if they repeat their successful semi-final result in the final on November 26, would win their first trophy for five years — an extraordinary turnaround for a club that was flirting with relegation less than six months ago. A play-off averted that calamity and Roy Aitken, appointed as manager in February and quickly the subject of supporters' displeasure, is now a hugely-popular figure at Pittodrie.

"You have to give Roy Aitken a lot of credit," Neil McDougall, the chairman of the Association of Aberdeen Supporters' Clubs, said. "When Willie Miller went last season a lot of people felt Roy, as his assistant, should have gone too, but he clearly has the players responding to him, while I feel Tommy Craig, who came in during the summer, has the side playing a lot of good football now."



Jess: impressive

None more so than Jess. "I think his performance in midfield was magnificent and a big factor," McDougall said. "He was up against Paul Gascoigne, yet you left Hampden wondering who the £4.3 million player was.

"That was beamed round Britain on television, Bolton have been showing an interest and no doubt there will be other offers for him, but I hope we can hang on to him."

McDougall added: "It is only the second time in the nineties we've gone to Glasgow and beaten Rangers and that is bound to give the players more belief in themselves. We won't take anything for granted for the final with Celtic having lost to Raith last season, but Aberdeen will be favourites."

Red cards bring ugly hue to home of the beautiful game

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BRAZIL, more noted for its love of the beautiful game, provides frequent reminders of football's uglier element too. No better was that illustrated than on Tuesday, when the South American Super Cup match between Cruzeiro and São Paulo was abandoned early in the second half after Cruzeiro ran out of the minimum number of players — seven — needed to continue.

São Paulo led 1-0 in the quarter-final first-leg tie, when little short of all-out warfare erupted after Rogerio, the Cruzeiro defender, kicked an opponent and was dismissed. His colleagues surrounded the referee — a fast-diminishing species in South American football. He stood his ground, rather bravely, and issued three more red cards. Cruzeiro's chances of victory were now slim, but with São Paulo sensing a landslide, Luis Fernando Gomes pulled up suddenly with a calf injury.

The team doctor, not surprisingly, deemed he was unfit to continue and, with Cruzeiro already having used their three substitutes, the game was abandoned. So much for the beautiful game.

Juninho, who recently joined Middlesbrough, and left-back Roberto Carlos, of the Italian club Internazionale, have been included in the Brazil squad for next month's soccer friendly with Argentina.

The two were among seven foreign-based players named by Mario Zagalo for the game in Buenos Aires on November 8.

A French prosecutor yesterday asked an appeal court to jail the former Marseilles club president, Bernard Tapie, for rigging a match, but called for the original prison sentence to be cut to four months. Tapie, a former cabinet minister and bankrupt business magnate, was sentenced last May to a year in jail, with another year suspended, for bribing players of the rival Valenciennes team to lose a 1993 league game to Marseille.

Dino Zoff, the former Italy captain who is now chairman of Lazio, has been questioned by a magistrate as part of an inquiry into suspected sales tax evasion at the Serie A club.

Magistrate Davide Jori heard Zoff, accompanied by his lawyer, give evidence as a material witness in the investigation into alleged unpaid VAT on advance ticket sales between 1991 and 1994.

Zoff, who took over in 1994, told the magistrate that some tax was not paid since he became chairman, but Lazio had asked the finance ministry to determine whether the sales involved were liable to tax.

The Bulgaria international, Hristo Stoichkov was banned for one match and fined £2,133 yesterday for diving in the penalty area during Parma's Serie A 1-1 draw with Roma on Sunday.

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(ALL IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANIES
On 17 October 1995 the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator, at No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by 10 November 1995 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make final distributions to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distributions.
The companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.
Date 19 October 1995
AV Lomas, Liquidator.

W H MAYES & SON (WINDSOR) LIMITED
The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 20 November 1995, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned of Arthur Andersen, Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading, Berkshire RG1 3BD, the Joint Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Joint Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 20 October 1995
M FISHMAN, Joint Liquidator.

John Evens Builders Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 8th November 1995 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. .
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 23rd October 1995
John Evens - Director

No. 008578 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF UGLAND INTERNATIONAL plc
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 12th day of October, 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the sanction of a Scheme of Arrangement pursuant to Section 425 of the Companies Act 1985 and for the confirmation of the reduction of share capital of the above named Company from £5,812,992.40 to £1,940,440.20
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday, the 8th day of November, 1995 at 10.30 a.m. Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 26th day of October, 1995
McKenna & Co of Mitre House, 160 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4DD
Solicitors for Ugland International plc.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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WATERGLADE DEVELOPMENTS (HAVANT) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Meetings of the Creditors of the above named Companies will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on 31 October 1995 at 10.30am for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Companies creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Butcher Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on 29 and 30 October 1995.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meetings must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and, unless attending in person, a proxy form, at Butcher Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF no later than 12.00 noon on 30 October 1995. Secured Creditors must unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its estimated value if they wish to vote at the Meetings.
By Order of the Board
Dated 18 October 1995
A MEDJANI, Director

GLENSANDS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Ramillies Place, London W1 on 7th November 1995 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Ramillies Place, London W1M 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 23RD OCTOBER 1995.
A D G Gunn, Director.

COMPANY NOTICES

TO MANMOHAN SINGH BAINS, ("the Plaintiff"), late of 11 Claremont House, Gregory Road, Middlesex, UB2 4PN
TAKE NOTICE that writs Summonses have been issued against you in the High Court of Justice, Queens Bench Division, Suit No. 1991 S No. 342 for (1) Wrongful sale Plc (2) Argus Shield and (3) First Security (Ownership Plc. ("the Defendants") to which the Defendants took an Order that the action brought by the Plaintiff against the Defendants be dismissed for want of prosecution with the costs of the action to be taxed and paid by the Plaintiff to the Defendants to any event and the costs of and occasioned by the application be paid by the Plaintiff to the Defendants in any event.
AND THAT R has been ordered by the High Court of Justice that service of the Summonses on you be effected by this advertisement.
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Summonses will be heard on the 15th day of December 1995 at 5.00 o'clock in Room E219 at the Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London and if you do not attend an Order may be made against you.
Freshfords, 4 Addison Bridge Place, London W14 8XP. Solicitors for the First Defendants.
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Vizards, 42 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4JL, Solicitors for the Third Defendants.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BELL. GEORGE BELL late of Lambeth, London SW16 died there on 1 September 1994. (Estate about £20,000).
BENNETT. HENRY BENNETT late of Macclesfield, Cheshire died there on 1 April 1995. (Estate about £150,000).
BIRCHETT. STANLEY GEORGE BIRCHETT late of Harrow, Middlesex died there on 8th August 1994. (Estate about £70,000).
CLARK. EVELYN CICELY CLARK Solicitor late of Oxford, London SW6 died there on 6th about 10 January 1994. (Estate about £11,000).
CLARKSON. KENNETH CLARKSON late of Wolverhampton, West Midlands died there on 3 May 1993. (Estate about £11,200).
COLLINS nee WATERWORTH. IVY DORIS COLLINS nee WATERWORTH Widow late of Chertsey, Surrey died there on 29 March 1994. (Estate about £9,000).
EDMONDS. GLADYS ELSIE EDMONDS Spinster late of Folkestone, Kent died at Ashford, Kent on 8th August 1995. (Estate about £15,000).
EDMUNDS nee BRADDOCK. JESSIE EDMUNDS nee BRADDOCK Widow Late of Tadworth, Surrey died there on 4 February 1995. (Estate about £5,000).
EMMERSON otherwise ROBIN BARRY EMMERSON late of Leicester died there on 10 August 1994. (Estate about £2,000).
FAITHFULL. DOROTHY VIOLET FAITHFULL Spinster late of Wickham, London NW10 died there on 10 June 1995. (Estate about £125,000).
FARTHING. AUDREY EDITH FARTHING Spinster late of Bromley, Kent died at Sydenham, London SE26 on 18th May 1993. (Estate about £60,000).
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HEUDEBOURCK. THOMAS HENRY HEUDEBOURCK late of Holloway, London N7 died at Islington, London N1 on 23rd March 1991. (Estate about £5,500).
HORSLEY. ALBERT RICHARD HORSLEY otherwise ROCK HORSLEY late of Southend on Sea, Essex died there on 26th February 1994. (Estate about £5,000).
HUGHES. FRANK ALEXANDER HUGHES otherwise FRANK HUGHES late of Bake Nursing, ton, London N16 died at Hornsey Hill, London N6 on 19th May 1993. (Estate about £20,000).
JONES. THOMAS JONES late of Cardiff, South Glamorgan died there on 17 May 1993. (Estate about £5,000).
LAVELLE. JOHN LAVELLE late of Emsworth, Hampshire died there on 18 May 1992. (Estate about £21,000).
LEYLAND. MARY ENID LEYLAND Spinster late of West Ealing, London W13 died there on 12 April 1996. (Estate about £5,000).
LOMAS. JESSIE KATHLEEN LOMAS Spinster late of Chelsea, London SW3 died at West Brompton, London SW10 on 28th December 1994. (Estate about £150,000).
MORRIS nee BARRETT. VERA IVY MORRIS Nee BARRETT widow late of Wolverhampton died there on 28th April 1996. (Estate about £45,000).
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SHAW. TERENCE ANTHONY SHAW late of Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan died at Cardiff, South Glamorgan on 3rd October 1992. (Estate about £6,000).
SMITH. ROBERT ALBERT CHARLES SMITH late of Woolwich, London SE18 died there on or about 21st June 1993. (Estate about £9,000).
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SPRAGG. WALTER CHARLES SPRAGG late of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey died there on 23rd September 1995. (Estate about £1,65,000).
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TREHERN otherwise TREHERNE Nee CRUMPLIN. BEATRICE MAUD TREHERN otherwise BEATRICE MAUD TREHERNE Nee CRUMPLIN Widow late of Stockwell, London SW9 died at East Dulwich, London SE22 on 14th November 1994. (Estate about £12,000).
WALKER. MINNIE LOWES WALKER Spinster late of Cockermouth, Cumbria died there on 1st October 1992. (Estate about £6,000).
The late of the above-named are required to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (SV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, stating which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Foundation of Richard Pilot, Aldenham, Hertfordshire
Scheme including appointment of trustees
Reference: 1H-31/1068/7001-CHYLDR
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Reynolds Mall, Aldermanbury Square, London EC3V 7HR, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, St Alban House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE ACT, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all Creditors and others having any claims against or claiming to be beneficially interested in the Estate of SHEILA EGAN, late of The Lake Hotel, Chipstead, Coventry Cross, Redhill, Surrey, who died on the 9th day of June 1994 and whose Will was proved in the Principal Registry of Wales on the 3rd day of August 1995 by Valerie Hoskinson, the Executrix named in it, are required to send particulars in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before the 1st January 1996 after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased among the persons entitled to them having regard only to the claims of which she then has had notice and shall not be liable for the assets of the Deceased, or any part of them, so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands she has then not had notice.
Dated this 23rd day of October, 1995.
Elwyn Jones & Co
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Yamaha threaten Herbert's switch

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE CHANCES of Johnny Herbert joining the motor racing team that took Jackie Stewart to the Formula One world championship could run aground on the rocks of commercial reality. The Warwickshire-based driver has been linked with a possible move to Tyrrell Yamaha since learning he was to be dropped by Benetton at the end of the season.

Switching to the home of a former champion — Stewart won two of his three titles at Tyrrell — would be a consolation, despite the Woking-based team's lack of competitiveness this season. But Herbert's hopes could be dashed by the desire of the engine supplier, Yamaha, to see a Japanese driver at the wheel. Mika Salo, of Finland, has already been retained for next year, leaving only the seat presently occupied by Ukyo Katayama, of Japan, to aim for.

"If we did not see any Japanese driver in Formula One, it would be very sad," Takaaki Kimura, Yamaha's project leader, said. "It is also good for the company, our workers and Japanese motor racing."

If he does make the switch, Herbert, who competed in one race for Tyrrell in his debut season, will be powered by one of the lightest engines ever developed for Formula One racing. The company have high hopes that their new V10 engine will help them achieve their most successful season since they arrived on the scene in 1989.

"Our target is to win Formula One," Kimura said. "But for the next couple of years, the realistic target is to get more points and get on the podium."

Herbert is already known in Japan, having competed in the Formula 3,000 series there in 1990, after his grand prix career had been interrupted by a serious accident. He is reported to have pitched his salary demands too high, while Katayama, who has had a disappointing season, can take much-needed sponsorship to the team.

Herbert, 31, has shown he is capable of winning races, his triumphs at Silverstone and Monza, taking him to fifth place in the championship. He believes his future should be decided after the Japanese Grand Prix, the penultimate race of the season, which takes place on Sunday.

"After Suzuka I should know exactly where I am going," said Herbert. "I want to stay in Formula One. IndyCar is for the future — it is not something I want to do at the moment.

"If I do stay in Formula One, it will be with a team who I believe will give me the chance to win races. If I feel the team are not giving the right signals, I won't go there. It may be more of a challenge for me being in a second-ranked team and trying to put them into the top rank."

Bruno stands ready to fight his corner

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FRANK BRUNO, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, is determined to contest any legal action aimed at preventing a multimillion pound match with Mike Tyson, who has been installed as the leading contender after one comeback contest since his release from prison.

A High Court writ has been issued by Bruno's British rival, Lennox Lewis, the former champion, whose camp insists he is the rightful opponent for Bruno's first title defence after beating Lionel Butler in a final eliminator — ordered by the WBC.

"As far as Frank Bruno is concerned, this will be fought very strongly," Bruno's promoter, Frank Warren, said yesterday. "Why they are issuing proceedings against Bruno is beyond me. Frank doesn't make the decisions — it is the World Boxing Council.

"All they are doing is spurring him on because we are determined to make this fight [against Tyson]. I am wondering if a British court has jurisdiction over the WBC as they are registered in Puerto Rico."

The decisions that have brought this heavyweight row to a head were made at the WBC's last convention in Seville, nearly a year ago.

Not only did it order the Lewis-Butler eliminator, but it decreed that Tyson would move back to the No 1 position after his first warm-up fight.

Lewis's solicitor, Bernard Clarke, issued proceedings against Bruno and the WBC in the attempt to prevent any U-turn at the next WBC convention in Chang Mai, Thailand, starting on November 6.

Warren, speaking on BBC Radio 5 Live, added: "I believe what was stated in Seville will happen. The WBC's position is very straight on this. In my time in boxing, being in the No 1 position means that you are the mandatory challenger."

Richards delivers cautionary tale

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DEAN RICHARDS, the England No 8, yesterday warned that his country's five nations' championship prospects could suffer because of the new yellow card system. The British Isles player also had harsh words for Rob Andrew, his former England team-mate, whom he accused of "poaching" players for his new club, Newcastle.

Richards will return to captain Leicester this weekend after becoming the first player to be banned under the new arrangement, by which players receive a suspension for two cautions, even if they are incurred in separate matches.

Speaking in London, where he was launching his autobiography, titled *Deano*, Richards, 30, said: "England might lose two or three players throughout the five nations, whereas the other countries have not put in place such a harsh system.

"Unfortunately referees have been told to penalise virtually everything, which is totally outrageous. There is a stoppage about every 15 seconds in some matches."

Richards, who received a two-week ban, insisted: "There is no sour grapes on my part because I have served my suspension, but other players are on one yellow card and if they receive another, they will be liable to suspension."

Richards's England and Leicester team-mate, Martin Johnson, is one prominent player walking the tightrope with one yellow card already to his name.

Only Wasps have been seriously affected so far by Andrew's Newcastle recruitment drive, but Leicester face a fight to keep Tony Underwood, their England wing, "who has not made up his mind, yet".

Richards said: "We feel it is a pity that clubs are trying to poach our players and using money to get them, rather than the entertaining classy rugby that we are hoping to stage at Leicester."

Rebuilt Wembley represents the only way forward

David Miller believes Britain's long-term sporting prestige is at stake when bids for a new national stadium are considered

A panel of ten men, chaired by Rodney Walker, head of the Sports Council, will study the presentation of five bids for a new national stadium today and tomorrow. They will be polite and patient, no doubt, but there can be *only one realistic choice* — a 21st-century design to catch the world's imagination, built on the ashes of a demolished Wembley.

Bradford, Birmingham and Sheffield, today, and Manchester and Wembley, tomorrow, will *make their respective cases*. At stake is the future of British international sport's prestige for the first 20 years of the next century. The men in suits will be failing British sport if they nominate anywhere other than the *famous but crumbling* north London site.

The potential awaiting London in the foreseeable future is a World Cup in football — perhaps in 2006 — and the world championships in athletics in 2001; plus a myriad of lesser events. None of the other candidates could hope to win international approval for even one of these two big sporting events, *either of which could help restore* Britain's lost prestige.

Three times in succession the International Olympic Committee has rejected the candidacy of Birmingham and Manchester (twice) as an Olympic host city. The *message is clear*. The perception of the rest of the world, right or wrong — and Manchester's was an admirable Olympic bid — is that London is the only acceptable venue for the most *significant* events in Britain. Those making the decision, to be announced on Tuesday, have the strategic long-term agenda of *British sport in* their hands.

It is regrettable that Iain Sproat, the Minister for Sport, has not been involved in this decision, which is *more important in public relations* terms than any domestic national academy for sport.

The intention of Wembley Stadium Ltd is to pull down the existing structure, opened for the FA Cup final in 1923, and to invite a *competition among international* architects to create a worthy replacement. Such a competition could itself generate worldwide interest, which would act as an incentive to stage events in London.

Yet the decision on where to build *the stadium might have rested* quixotically upon the whim of the National Lottery Fund, which will necessarily be a prime benefactor of the project. It required the Sports Council *to step in to coordinate the* decision and to avoid a lottery within a lottery.

It is imperative, therefore, that those on the selection panel realise that the new stadium is not just a national headquarters for football, *but the platform of future British* hospitality.

It must be an adaptable stadium with movable seating that can contract and expand in the performance area from a 30,000 audience to 80,000; intimate enough, like Old Trafford or White Hart Lane, for football, or even a world heavyweight boxing title bout or broad enough for track and field. Such flexible technology is available today.

This international vision will be dependent on Walker and Professor Peter Radford, the chief executive of the British Athletics Federation, to ensure that the flexibility is embraced. The other *panel representatives have single-*sport vested interests: Sir John Quinton and Rick Parry from the Premier League, Sir Bert Millichip and Graham Kelly from the Football Association, Gordon McKeag and David Dent from the Football League, and Maurice Lindsay from the Rugby Football League.

There are significant factors, besides world opinion, that favour Wembley. It is an established stadium site, so there would be no opposition over planning — compared with greenfield-site protests elsewhere — and it is the only site among the five geared primarily to public transport rather than road access. *The only other candidate to* satisfy the majority of criteria is Manchester.

There are minor problems for Wembley. National Heritage has placed a preservation order on the art nouveau Twin Towers, but they *can be incorporated within the new* design. Also, Wembley is a private company. However, that company is in financial difficulty and would be happy *to donate the site in* return for a management contract, under the supervision of the Sports *Council on profit margins*.

Wembley's directors will be *aware that unless they collaborate*, their existing operation is heading for commercial extinction. A spectacular, subsidised redevelopment offers a golden rescue act.

A nomination of London would provide a problem for Manchester over their main stadium for the Commonwealth Games of 2002, *the hosting of which is expected to* be confirmed by the Commonwealth Games Federation in Bermuda tomorrow week. Manchester is the only candidate. The difficulty is that, with Manchester United expanding Old Trafford and Manchester City heading for relegation, there is no football club partner immediately available to share a new stadium.

The bottom line for the Sports Council panel is clear. What they are choosing is not a national *football stadium, but an interna*tional showpiece.

European cup set for £20m kick-off

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AFTER weeks of procrastination, the inaugural European cup tournament for rugby union clubs will begin next week with far more substantial backing than seemed likely, given the absence of English and Scottish teams. Yesterday the organisers announced a combined television and sponsorship deal *worth more than £20 million* over the next three years.

The competition will be screened by ITV, desperate to maintain a rugby presence between world cups now that so many of the sport's best games have gone to satellite television. The sponsorship, to be confirmed today, is reported to come from Heineken, the brewer that already backs the Welsh league.

The fact that the competition begins next Wednesday in the comparative obscurity of Constanta, *where the Romanian* club champions play Toulouse, is less than ideal. But that is outweighed by the desire to push through a concept that Vernon Pugh, chairman of the Welsh Rugby *Union, believes essential if the* northern hemisphere is to challenge the south.

Questions remain over the division of the spoils. The contending clubs, this season from Wales, Ireland, France, Italy and Romania, are guaranteed their gate and a share of the semi-final and final gates. Beyond that, each union has to decide the proportion of the sponsorship money that will go to the clubs, who see *this as the means by which* they can attract extra revenue and contract their players.

The clubs — and this will be true of England as and when they join the tournament — believe the lion's share must go to them as a reward for excellence. The existing contracts make available the same amount of money over each of the three years, so the more clubs coming in, the further the pot has to stretch.

Pugh expects England and Scotland to be involved next season but England, though supportive of the principle, are unhappy with the structure. Tony Hallett, the secretary of *the Rugby Football Union* (RFU), said: "We believe it deserves a higher profile. We welcome the prototype but there are other opportunities to be explored."

Hallett's RFU commission is likely to offer an alternative structure for next season, integrating Europe with existing domestic competitions and playing at weekends as opposed to the midweek pool fixtures of this season. But the existing European partners also have requests from other continental countries for involvement, as well as from Canada. The organisers shrug off the threat of a rival competition, funded from the southern hemisphere, since competing unions have guaranteed *support for the official* tournament only.

The report of the RFU commission will be known on November 8, a week later than predicted, which has caused some concern to a Newcastle *management looking for a* relaxation in the 120-day playing qualification.

The delay is caused by the RFU's desire to print and distribute its report to all affiliated clubs at the same *time. But there is little likeli*hood of a change in the regulations and the union is standing by for legal challenges. "We can't change something like the registration regulations in mid-season *without exceptional circum*stances," Hallett said.



Higgs, the Neath wing, escapes the clutches of Little on one of his powerful forays. Photograph: Huw Evans

Neath lay to rest tour team bogey

Neath	30
Fijians	22

BY DAVID HANDS

NEATH have been waiting for most of this century for their first victory over a touring team. When, yesterday at *The Gnoll, it finally arrived* it was thanks to an integrated display from a young team with a command of basic skills which put others — many of them in England — to shame.

Neath have been known down the years for the power of their committed forwards: indeed an untimely reminder that past games with touring teams have sometimes strayed beyond the bounds of *acceptability was available* yesterday in a belated statement suggesting that no Neath player was at fault during the violent clash with South Africa last season.

That, though, was only a dim and dark memory, scarcely spoilt by a punch — unseen by most — which forced Nadolo off the field with a closed eye.

The Fijians threatened to demolish Neath when they ran in two tries in three minutes just before the interval, perhaps convincing themselves that the match was theirs for the taking. But a *club unit was always going to* pose more problems than last weekend's disappointing Wales A team.

Neath absorbed the body blows of delightful, fluid tries by Waqa and Turuva, and a *third from Vatureba, who ran* fully 50 metres for a score made by his deceptive change of pace, and were able to produce precise passing of *their own to delight the Wales* coach, Kevin Bowring.

They grafted that to their strengths in the maul, against which the Fijians proved to have *little defence*, and the young centres, Funnell and Leigh Davies, produced some direct running which gave the forwards, John Davies in the van, a target to hit. Brad Johnstone, the Fijian technical advisor, may have thought it was more a case of Fiji *losing the game by their lack* of application, but that is an unkind verdict on the Welsh club's many positive qualities.

Funnell's try, just before the interval, was important in that it kept Neath in the hunt. *Just after, they nearly con*trived to throw away an overlap before Leigh Davies squeezed over and Scott received his award for industry *when his forwards drove him* over in the corner for Neath's third try. But only eight minutes remained when Richard Jones came in from the blind-side wing and weighted a perfect pass for *Higgs to speed to the corner* and put his team ahead for the first, but most important, time.

SCORERS: Neath: Tries: Funnell, L Davies, Scott, Higgs. Conversions: P Williams (2). Penalty goals: P Williams (2). Fijians: Tries: Waqa, Turuva, Vatureba. Conversions: Turuva (2). Penalty goal: Turuva.

NEATH: G Davies; C Higgs, L Davies, J Funnell, R Jones, P Williams, P Horgan; D Morris, K Allen, J Davies, J Burnell, Glyn Llewellyn, Gareth Llewellyn, C Scott, S Williams. Burnell replaced by R Jones (73min).

FIJIANS: J Waqa, E Bolobolo, L Little, W Rokotuivuwa, M Bari, O Turuva, S Raubuni, S Sadna, G Smith, V Cavubati, W Masirewa, A Nadolo, L Vatureba, E Kalalau, S Vonolagi. Nadolo replaced by I Taweke (39).

Referee: E Morrison (England)

Scot finds form as problems recede

BY PHIL YATES

ALAN McMANUS, who was, until last year, an almost inevitable fixture in the latter *stages of snooker's leading* events, beat Joe Swail 5-1 in Sunderland yesterday to reach the semi-finals of a world ranking tournament for the first time in 12 months. He will meet Jimmy White or John Higgins, the title-holder, for a place in the final of the *Skoda Grand Prix on Sunday*.

In four matches at the Crowtree Centre, McManus has dropped only three frames and there is little doubt that the Scot has successfully battled through the worst spell of *his career. The business-like* attitude has returned and his renowned percentage game could hardly be more effective.

"It's great to be focused again and feeling as if I can compete for trophies," Mc*Manus, whose form was ad*versely affected by the distraction of marital problems, said. "My all-round approach is spot-on and I'm concentrating well. I didn't score all that heavily until the *end but I have got to be happy* with that result because Joe is a very dangerous player."

Although there were few fireworks in the early stages, McManus established a 3-0 lead by potting a series of vital balls. These included a long brown to a baulk pocket in the first frame, even though the cue ball was tight under a cushion, and a green-to-pink clearance in the second.

Swail briefly threatened to rally when he fashioned a 104 clearance in the fourth frame, but *the 20-minute mid-session* interval that followed interrupted his flow and, with runs of 98 and 75, McManus ensured that his untroubled progress continued.

☐ Ken Docherty, John Higgins and Nigel Bond, this year's world championship runner-up, have accepted invitations to compete in the 12-man Malta Grand Prix, which begins on the Mediterranean island next Monday. Also in the field is Tony Drago, the local favourite.

IN BRIEF

Madras Test hit by rain

INDIA crawled to 54 for the loss of opening batsman Ajay Jadeja on the rain-shortened first day of the second cricket Test against New Zealand in *Madras yesterday. Monsoon* rain delayed the start and bad light forced an early closure after 35.3 overs.

Manoj Prabhakar batted throughout after Mohammed Azharuddin had won the toss, *his 19 from 110 balls taking 168* minutes. Navjot Sidhu, who replaced Sanjay Manjrekar from the team that won the first Test at Bangalore, is the other not out batsman, on 18.

Premier winner

Yachting: Sally Cuthbert, one of Britain's brightest young sailors, has won the premier prize in this year's list of Royal Yachting Association British *nautical awards. Cuthbert*, 17, was given the award ahead of Lisa Clayton, the round-the-world yachtswoman, after picking up her third successive gold medal at the youth world championships in *Bermuda to equal the record* medal tally set by Chris Dickson, of New Zealand.

Plumb out

Ice hockey: Fife Flyers last night dismissed Ronnie Plumb, their Canadian coach, three days before the semi-final of the season's first national competition. Mark *Morrison, the North Ameri*can marksman and last season's top scorer, will make his debut as player/coach in Saturday's Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final, first leg, at Kirkcaldy against Sheffield *Steelers, the reigning British* champions.

Rusedski beaten

Tennis: Greg Rusedski, the British No 1, bowed out of the *Essen Open in straight sets* against Marc Rosset, the tenth seed, of Switzerland, in Essen, Germany, yesterday. Rusedski lost his second-round match 6-4, 6-4. *Stefan Edberg*, of Sweden, was beaten 6-3, 6-2 by Pere Sampras, the American world No 2.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND: World Series: Cleveland 7 Atlanta 6 (11 inns) (Atlanta lead best-of-seven *series* 2-1).

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Third round: First leg: Sheffield 58 Ostend (Bel) 71.

BOXING

LEVALLOIS-PERRET, France: World Boxing Council cruiserweight championship: Marcelo Dominguez (Arg) bt Sergei Kobozev (Russ) pts.

CRICKET

Second Test match

India v New Zealand

MADRAS (India won toss): India, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, have scored 54 runs

INDIA: First innings

M Prabhakar not out	19
A D Jadeja b Nash	3
N S Sidhu not out	18
Extras (lb 1, w1, nb 12)	14
Total (1 wkt)	54

M Azharuddin, S R Tendulkar, V G Kambli, †N R Mongia, J Srinath, A Kumble, S L V Raju and R K Chauhan.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-18.

BOWLING: Morrison 10-2-23-0, Cairns 11-5-8-0; Nash 10.3-2-14-1; Mastrim 4-2-8-0.

NEW ZEALAND: *†I. Germon, M J Greatbatch, R G Twose, †A C Parore, M D* Crowe, S P Fleming, C L Cairns, S A Thomson, D J Nash, D K Morrison, M Hasiam.

Umpires: K T Francis (Sri Lanka) and S Venkataraghavan (India).

Third umpire: S Murali (India).

Match referee: Peter Burge (Aus).

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (first day of four): Brisbane: South Australia 262-7 (J Siddons 130) v Queensland.

FOOTBALL

Tuesday's late results

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Barnsley 0 Arsenal 3; Birmingham 1 Tranmere 1; Bolton 0 Leicester 0; Watford 1 Blackburn 2. Abandoned: Reading 0 Bury 2 (after 28min, pitch waterlogged).

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern section: First round: Rochdale 5 Darlington 2.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Runcorn 0 Macclesfield 0.

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final: Rangers 1 Aberdeen 2 (as Hampden Park).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Athenstone 2 Stafford 2; Baldock 1 Hastings 3; Cambridge City 4 VS Rugby 1; Cheltenham 2 Halesowen 2; Grantey 2 Weston 3. Postponed: Rushden and Diamonds v Burton. Midland division: Bedworth 2 Leicester United 1; Bridgnorth 1 Dudley Town 2; Buckingham Town 5 Corby 0; Hinckley Town 4 Moor Green 3; King's Lynn 6 Grantham 2; Racing Club Warwick 2 Nuneaton 2; Stourbridge 3 Tamworth 2. Southern division: Ashford United 7 Braintree 1, Margate 2 Fisher '93 2; Tonbridge Angels 1 Slimbridge 4; Weston-super-Mare 6 Yate 1; Weymouth 2 Clevedon 4; Witney Town 1 Forest Green 0. Postponed: Cinderford v Trowbridge.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey 1 Hayes 3; Hitchin 0 St Albans 0, Sutton United 4 Harrow 0. First division: Chesham 4 Abingdon Town 0. Second division: Banstead 3 Egham 1; Chalfont St Peter 1 Collier Row 1. Third division: Southall 1 Hornchurch 2; Wealdstone 3 Aveley 4.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replays: Colwyn Bay 3 Stalybridge 0; Rushden and Diamonds 3 Purfleet 1; Wisbech 2 Billericay 0; Bromsgrove 2 Kettering 2 (aet: 2-2 after 90min); Bashley 2 Newport IOW 3; Marlow 3 Gravesend and Northfleet 3 (aet: 3-3 after 90min).

LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: Group Two: First round: Connah's Quay 4 Holywell 4; Rhyl 1 Flint Town 0. Group Three: First round: Llansantffraid 1 Newtown 3. Group Four: First round: Barry 1 Afan Lido 0. Group Five: First round: Inter Cardiff 1 Ton Pentre 1.

LEINSTER SENIOR CUP: First round: UCD 3 Shamrock 0.

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Quarter-finals: Abandoned: Crusaders v Bangor; Linfield v Glentoran. Postponed: Cliftonville v Glenavon; Omagh v Portadown.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 0 Southampton 1, Portsmouth 1 Swindon Town 1; Queens Park Rangers 2 Millwall 1; West Ham United 1 Arsenal 1. League Cup: Plymouth Argyle 6 Torquay United 2.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Manchester City 0 Mansfield 0. Third division: Chesterfield 0 Wrexham 2.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Crawley Town 2 Woldingham Town 8.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell United 5 Frome 0; Chippenham 0 Taunton 3; Mangotsfield 5 Calne 1. Postponed: Odd Down v Paulton.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Bicester 0 Fairford 1. Floodlight League: Almondsbury 2 Lambourne Sports 2; Banbury 0 Abingdon 5.

HEREWARD SPORTS HILLIER SENIOR CUP: First round replay: Norton Spencer 1 S and L Corby 3.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Industrial Rewinds League Cup: First round: Chasetown 2 Shifnal 1; Barwell 0 Halesowen Harr 1. Postponed: Willenhall v Rocester. Second round: Boldmere St Michaels 0 Oldbury 1, Shepshed Dynamo 3 Sandwell 3.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Chatham 2 Beckenham 0; Corinthian 2 Cray 3; Herne Bay 2 Deal 1, Hythe 2 Canterbury 2; Ramsgate 2 Whitstable 1; Sheppey 0 Folkestone Invicta 1; Slade Green 4 Tonbridge Wells 1.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton 2 Cornard 1.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Bemerton Heath Harlequins 2 Eastleigh 4; Gosport 1 Swanage and Herston 2. Postponed: Bournemouth v Ryde Sports.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers 1 Clitheroe 3; Darwen 3 Rossendale 0; Eastwood Hanley 2 Maine Road 1, Flixton 3 Newcastle Town 3; Moseley 0 Trafford 4; Salford 4 Prescot 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round replay: Rossington 2 Worsborough Bridge 3.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Langford 2 Buckingham Athletic 2.

LONDON FA CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Uxbridge 0 Hampton 2; Leyton Pennant 5 Boreham Wood 5.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Hereford 1 Enfield 3.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Under-15 International match: Luxembourg 3 Wales 3. Premier League: Under-18 trophy: Hertfordshire 5 Norfolk 1; Middlesex 2 Surrey 3. London Cup: Under-15: Hertfordshire 0 Norfolk 5; Middlesex 2 Surrey 0.

ITALIAN CUP: Third round: Fiorenzuola 1 Internazionale 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Utrecht 1 PSV Eindhoven 4. Leading positions: 1, Ajax 30pts, 2, PSV Eindhoven 28, 3, Willem II Tilburg 19.

SUPERCUPA: Quarter-final, first leg: Cruzeiro (Bri) 0 São Paulo (Br) 1.

GOLF

FINAL WOMEN'S PGA EUROPEAN ORDER OF MERIT: 1, A Sorenstam (Swe) £130,324; 2, L Davies (GB) £100,697; 3, K Webb (Aus) £90,000; 4, L Farclough (GB) £81,839; 5, M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) £80,757; 6, A Nicholas (GB) £57,585; 7, T Johnson (GB) £52,464; 8, C Dibnah (Aus) £51,244; 9, R Hetherington (Aus) £46,591; 10, J McGill (US) 41,226.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): NY Rangers 5 Vancouver 2, Florida 6 Toronto 1; Ottawa 2 *Detroit 1, Dallas 3 Buffalo 0.*

MOTOR RALLYING

LLORET DE MAR: Catalonia Rally (final positions). 1, C Sainz (Sp, Subaru Impreza) *5hr 5min 58sec*; 2, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza) at 51sec; 3, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza) 2:07; 4, F Delecour (Fr, Ford Escort) 2:49; 5, A Aghini (It, Mitsubishi Lancer) 3:03; 6, G Trelles (Uru, Toyota Celica) 8:05; 7, O Gomez (Sp, Renault Clio) 12:12; 8, A Navarra (It, Toyota Celica) 12:31; 9, J Bassas (Sp, BMW M3) 22:17; 10, I Postel (Holl, Subaru) 26:49. World championship standings: Drivers: equal 1, *McRae and Sainz 70pts*; 3, J Kankkunen (Fin) 62; 4, Auriol 52; 5, K Eriksson (Swe) 48. Manufacturers: 1, Mitsubishi 288; 2, Subaru 286, 3, Toyota 271.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX EMERGING NATIONS' WORLD CUP: Final: Cook Islands 22 Ireland 6 (at Bury FC).

RUGBY UNION

CIS Insurance series tour match

Neath	30 Fiji 22

Neath: Tries: L Davies, Funnell, Higgs, Gareth Llewellyn. Cons: P Williams, 2. Pens: P Williams 2. Fiji: Tries: Bari, Vaturuva, Waqa. Cons: Turuva 2. Pen: Turuva.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Public School Wanderers 69 Thailand XV 34 (at Blackheath).

CLUB MATCHES: Oxford Univ 3 Wasps 9; Maesteg 9 Kenfig Hill 0.

SNOOKER

SUNDERLAND: Skoda Grand Prix: Third round: J Higgins (Scot) bt A Robidoux (Can) 5-4. Quarter-final: A McManus (Scot) bt J Swail (N Ire) 5-1.

TENNIS

ESSEN, Germany: Men's tournament: First round: S Edberg (Swe) bt R Furlan (It).

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Norwich (7.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Oldham v Leeds (7.0), Stoke v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0); Tranmere v Derby (7.0) Second division: Coventry v York (7.0); Rotherham v Middlesbrough (7.0).

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk v St Patrick's Ath (7.45); Cork v Drogheda (8.15).

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Boldmere St M v Rushden and Diamonds, Cambridge City v Luton.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Berkshire v Wiltshire (at Bracknell Town); Cornwall v Gloucestershire (at Truro City, 3.0) International Trial Under-15: Midlands v North West England (at Chase Town, 7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby v Hemel Hempstead (8.0).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Poole. British Academy Knock-out Cup final, first leg: Stoke v Berwick.

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WORD-WATCHING

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HUME

(b) John Hume, the sly priest in *Henry VI pt 2*, suborned by Beaufort and Suffolk (by the promise of a knighthood) to bring Eleanor false witches who will show her "a spirit rais'd from depth of underground/ That shall make answers to such questions/ As by your grace shall be propounded him." And so to engineer the downfall of Gloucester.

RAMBURES

(a) A French lord in *Henry V*, attendant on the Dauphin. Apart from starting the idea of betting on the number of English prisoners, and scornfully remarking, "That island of England breeds very valiant creatures: their mastiffs are of unmatchable courage", he has little else to say. He is killed in the fighting.

BIANCA

(a) Cassio's mistress in *Othello*. Iago and Emilia vigorously put it about that she is a harlot, but she denies it with equal vigour. "I am no strumpet, but of life as honest/ As you that thus abuse me." She is besotted with Cassio and furious when she thinks that the handkerchief he has given her to unpick belongs to another woman.

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(c) Servant of the Capulets in *Romeo & Juliet*, who opens the play by picking a fight with Abraham. He is hot-headed and bullying.

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Local heroes provide the grandstand finish

BRYANT'S EYE



Next Tuesday the Sports Council's jury of ten will deliver its verdict on the site of England's new national stadium. Way out in front is the favourite, Wembley, with a £168 million development plan that involves floating the pitch and the athletics track on a waterbed.

Others in the running are Birmingham, Bradford, Manchester and Sheffield. The competition is fierce, for they all reckon that, when it comes to revitalising and reinvigorating an area, nothing does the trick better than a great new sports stadium.

> 'He needs around him people who can grab the imagination'

There is a brand new stadium to be found in the run-down dockland wilderness that lies on the east side of Middlesbrough. But it's not the 30,000-seat futuristic temple of sport that is producing the buzz in Middlesbrough — it is a 22-year-old diminutive South American called Juninho. The £4.7 million signing of the Brazilian player of the year from São Paulo earlier this month is reckoned by some to be the biggest transfer coup in the history of English football. Brazil shirts, coffee beans, sombreros (well, Mexico's not that far from Brazil) and, above all, season tickets are selling as never before and the whole town seems infected with Juninho fever. Fancy stadiums and facilities are all very well, it seems, but in sport you can't beat the impact of a hero.

Sir Bob Scott, when he was promoting the Manchester Olympic bids, used to talk with a gleam in his eye of "a leisure-led saving of the city". But whenever he was making his pitch he used to trot out the two magic words of English that are known and understood all around the world — Bobby Charlton. He, too, knew the value of a hero.

Up the road from Middlesbrough, Sir John Hall, the boss of Newcastle United, talks with Messianic vision of how he sees sport regenerating the North East. His dream is of a multi-faceted sports club encompassing football, rugby union, ice hockey, sportscar racing and athletics, modelled on the great continental clubs like Real Madrid, and having a huge social and economic impact on the Newcastle area. But Sir John is shrewd enough to realise that to plug into the latent passion of the people of the North East he needs around him people who can grab the imaginations of the supporters. So he has recruited for his lieutenants two sporting folk-heroes, Kevin Keegan and Rob Andrew.

Whenever the building of sports facilities has revitalised a local community and put it on the map, there you will find driving it the local hero, the cult figure. Brendan Foster brought a message of hope, a new stadium and international athletics to Gateshead in the 1980s. Mary Peters, after winning a gold medal at the Munich Olympics of 1972, inspired and led the campaign to rebuild the old Queen's University track in Belfast. She saw it brought up to world standard, named after her, and never once disturbed by terrorist activity through all the long years of her country's troubles.

The fierce local enthusiasm for sport, and loyalty for a team, that men like Sir John hope to plug into has been nurtured for more than a century and traditionally has been focused on a "town" team. As modern sport was emerging in late Victorian Britain, intense concentrations of working people produced ready-made crowds and, for half a century or so, the football clubs had it made.

The pattern of sports-watching was simple, and was repeated in towns and cities throughout the land — people (mainly male) would leave their homes and attend games locally and collectively, loyally supporting their team. It was a pattern that was to be battered badly, first by the cinema and then much more fiercely by radio and television. It has taken live sport, particularly British football, several decades to come to terms with television.

> 'Athens was abuzz and the Olympic dream was afire'

The clubs realised that there was big money in television and increasingly abandoned real-life spectators in favour of the camera. Stadiums were often neglected and allowed to run down, and spectators were driven away, preferring to experience their sport in comfort on the screen. Now those like Sir John at Newcastle and Steve Gibson and Bryan Robson at Middlesbrough have realised that there is another way forward. Give the supporters great facilities and stars, and you give them back more than entertainment — you reignite their regional pride and release a floodtide of enthusiasm.

The first great custom-built multi-sport stadium of modern times was the fine marble structure erected in Athens in 1896 to stage the first modern Olympic Games, master-minded by Baron de Coubertin. Despite all of the baron's best efforts, it played to indifferent houses during the early days of competition. But, as the Games drew towards their end, the word got around that a Greek was favourite to win the final event — the marathon. With 12 Greeks entered in a field of 16, they had to start with a fighting chance.

During the closing miles of the race, horsemen took news back to the stadium that a Greek was in the lead, and, when Spiridon Louis ran onto the track, the crowd of more than 60,000 went wild with delight. The winner was escorted to the line by two Greek princes and, as he fought his way through the crowds after the race, he was showered with money and jewellery.

The whole of Athens was abuzz and the Olympic dream was afire. For the Games, the million-drachma stadium was a good start, but in sport, then as now, you can't beat a home win by a local hero.

JOHN BRYANT

Brittany and the Brits

Get Your Bum on the Seat, Lad. *Radio 4, 7.30pm.*

Jane Ray's informative and entertaining feature deserved a more relevant title — something like *Putting the Brit in Brittany*, because that is what it is really about. Reporter Rogan Taylor went to the Josselin region of northern France to find out why so many Brits, especially Yorkshire folk, have moved to, or around, this medieval town. The attractions are many, some are unexpected: cheaper property (from £3,800 upwards), low crime rate, safe for children, mistletoe on the trees, pleasant weather most of the time, and British teabags at the local supermarket. Janet, divorced and living alone, may not have any chairs, but she does have a loo that flushes. However, Taylor also rediscovered the universal truth that Eden has its darker side too.

Opera Matinée: Falstaff. *Radio 3, 1.00pm.*

This is not Verdi's opera, but Salieri's, first performed in 1799 and rarely staged since. A ruthless pruning of the subplots of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* got rid of the young lovers, Anne and Fenton, to name just two. John De Carlo is Falstaff in this production recorded at the Schwetzingen Festival, in Germany, earlier this year. If it sets you wondering, as it did me, whether there are other forgotten *Falstaffs in opera*, I can list Balfe's and Adam's. The fat old rogue also added to the fun in operas by Dittersdorf, Nicolai, and our very own Vaughan Williams and Holst.

Peter Davalle

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9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini: Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in F, Autumn, The Four Seasons; Gil Shaham; Orpheus CO); Holst (Capriccio: ECO under Imogen Holst); Villa-Lobos (Bachianas Brasileiras No 5: French National RO under the composer); 9.28 *Haydn Piano Sonatas*: Sonata in B flat; 9.43 Holst (St Paul's Suite)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Mendelssohn (Overture: The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); 10.10 *Artist of the Week*: Maurice Bourgue, oboe. Poulenc (Oboe Sonata); 10.25 Walton, arr Palmer (Suite: Troilus and Cressida); Potter (Symphony in C minor); Bizet (Incidental music: L'Arlésienne)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Berlio (Duetti for two violins, Vol I, excerpts; Agnus; Lied; Recital for Cathy; Corale; Chamber Music; Duetti for two violins, Vol I, excerpts)
1.00 Opera Matinée: Falstaff, performed by Ludwigshafen Theatre Chorus; South German Radio Symphony Orchestra under Arnold Ostman. See Choice
3.35 Murray Perahia Plays Chopin (r)
4.20 Olivier Messiaen: Trois petites liturgies de la Présence Divine (Marc-André Hamelin, piano, and Jean Laurendeau; ondes martenot; Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Charles Dutoit)
4.55 Fairest Isle: An Outside View by the Danish composer Poul Ruders
5.00 The Music Machine: The Technocrats. Dick Wills interviews Stockhausen
5.15 In Tune, with Geraint Lewis. Rameau (Overture: Pygmalion); Françaix (L'Horloge de Flore); Fauré (Nocturne No 6 in D flat, Op 63); Haydn (Symphony No 88 in G, Letter V)
7.30 Fairest Isle: Music for St Alban, from the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban. Cardinall's Musick under Andrew Carwood. Fayrfax (Missa Albanus); Motets by Dunstable, Banaster and Benet; 8.20 The Life of St Alban, William Caxton's translation contained in *The Golden Legend*, read by the Rev Alan Walker; 8.35 Concert, part 2
9.20 New Waves: Janáček (Violin Sonata); Anderson (The Bearded Lady, revised version, first performance); Alexander Goehr (Piano Trio)
10.45 Night Waves: Michele Roberts reports from the Pompidou Centre in Paris
11.30-12.30am Fairest Isle: The Cheltenham Symphonists: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Alun Francis performs Searle (Symphony No 2); Rawsthorne (Improvisations on a Theme by Constant Lambert); Searle (Symphony No 3)

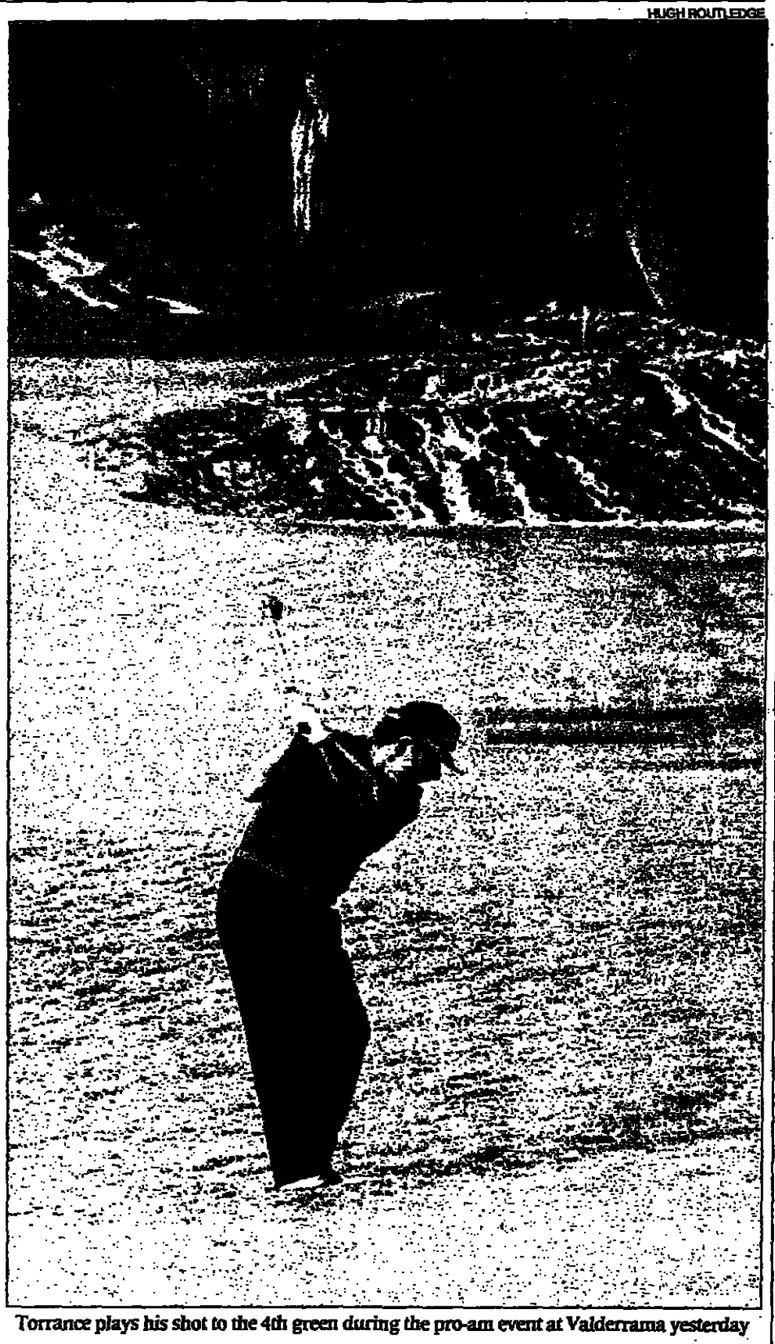
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5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 *Prayer for the Day* 6.30 Today, with James Naughtie and John Humphrys, incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 Opinion: Birmingham community spokesman John d'Espinay argues that brothels should be made legal
10.00-10.30 News; Bertie and the Crime of Passion (FM only): Peter Lovesey's historical whodunnit, dramatised by Geoffrey M. Matthews. With Robert Lang and Jane Lapotaire (3/4)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Children's BBC Radio 4: The Reluctant Vampire (LW only), by Eric Morecambe. Read by Tony Robinson (4/5)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00pm News; You and Yours with Liz Barclay
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2.00 First Forum; by Tamara Griffiths. A play about genetic engineering
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen talks to the actress Diana Rigg
4.45 Short Story: The Fish-Scale Shirt, by Ruth Fainlight. Read by Alison Reid (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 First Impressions: Pete McCarthy chairs the panel game for impressionists. With Alistair McGowan, Steve Nallon and their guests
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Get Your Bum on the Seat Lad: See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Geoff Mulgan asks whether our changing values are the chief cause of political alienation
8.45 Continent Adrift: Letters from Africa. Nobel prize-winner Nadine Gordimer notes the changes taking place in her homeland, South Africa (1/6)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for listeners with disabilities
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Letters and Diaries of C. Jeames de la Pluche, Esquire, by W. M. Thackeray. Andy Hamilton reads the fourth of five episodes
11.00 First Bite: A Little Room. A musical play composed and written by Lance Croft
11.30 Offspring (FM only), with John Peel (r)
12.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00 News, incl 12.27 approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood; Abridged by Kate Campbell and read by Buffy Davis (4/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast; 1.00 As World Service (LW only)

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Torrance closely attended in final drive for honours

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN SOTOGRANDE



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Torrance plays his shot to the 4th green during the pro-am event at Valderrama yesterday

THIS is how a golf season should end — one tournament left and three men striving with every sinew to win it because of what is at stake. The first prize is £125,000 and there is a bonus of the same amount to the winner. Best of all is that at the tournament which starts today it will be decided who becomes the leading player on the PGA European Tour this year.

The venue is Valderrama, the lovingly tended course five miles east of Gibraltar where the 1997 Ryder Cup will be staged. The tournament is the Volvo Masters, the 35th event of the season in Europe. And the contenders are Sam Torrance, at present leading the Order of Merit by a whisker from Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer, who trails Montgomerie but is far from out of it. What could be more appropriate in such an exciting year than that the issue will almost certainly not be decided until the last stroke on Sunday afternoon?

Torrance, 42, is having an outstanding year and has won more than £800,000 worldwide. He is playing the golf of his life, proof that, for some, life begins at 40. As if getting married in January, winning three events on his home continent this season and his excellent play in the Ryder Cup were not enough, last Sunday he gilded the lily and added a further £100,000 to his swag this year by helping Scotland to win the Alfred Dunhill Cup, at St Andrews, for the first time.

As well as a handsome cheque, Torrance picked up a bug in St Andrews and has been taking antibiotics for five days. But, after spending Monday in bed, he was talking confidently enough yesterday. "It has been a lifetime ambition of mine to win the Order of Merit," he said. "I am very, very ready for what I have to do to win this week. There cannot be any more pressure on me than there was in the Ryder Cup and I coped with that all right."

Torrance has never before been the European No 1, though he was leading in 1984 with three tournaments left. Then he was spectacularly overtaken by Langer in the Spanish Open, at El Saler, in part thanks to a 62 that remains one of the greatest rounds in a European event. Langer went on to win the Order of Merit that year. Langer must finish either first or second to stand any chance of winning the Order of Merit for a third time and then it depends on where Torrance and Montgomerie finish.

For the two Scots, it is a straight fight, winner takes all — so long as Langer does not mess up the equation. He is likely to do so. There is nothing he likes more than grinding out a score and it will not have escaped the notice of his rivals that last year he had another 62 on his way to victory here.

Montgomerie's chances of winning the Order of Merit for the third year in a row, an achievement that was last accomplished by Severiano Ballesteros in 1976, 1977 and 1978, are lessened by the continued pain he is suffering in his left wrist. He has lengthened his swing this year in order to try and prevent himself from blocking the ball to the right and, as a result of this extended backswing, he has strained a tendon between the index finger and thumb on his left hand. The cure is rest but, so long as Montgomerie is not damaging his wrist, and he has been assured by doctors that he is not, he is ignoring this advice.

Montgomerie has a powerful incentive. "I have never gone down in the Order of Merit. I might as well give it a go," he said.

Torrance or Montgomerie? "I would have to give the edge to Montgomerie on this course," Langer said. "He is very steady, one of the best drivers and good in a wind and it can blow here. He does not have any weaknesses. Sam's improvement this year has been due to his driving. He has always had a good swing but now he is hitting the ball further from the tee and he is putting better than ever."

It is all finely balanced. Torrance is £3,829.88 ahead of Montgomerie and Langer is £56,477.23 behind Montgomerie. It is important to include the pence. Come Sunday evening, every one of them may be needed.

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RANKINGS

Volvo Order of Merit

1	S Torrance (Sco)	£630,481.28
2	C Montgomerie (Sco)	£626,651.40
3	B Langer (Ger)	£570,174.17
4	C Rocca (It)	£459,945.29
5	M Campbell (NZ)	£361,267.33
6	M James (Eng)	£265,827.64
7	B Lane (Eng)	£259,198.13
8	A Forsbrand (Swe)	£242,046.17
9	P O'Malley (Aus)	£237,961.67
10	W Riley (Aus)	£237,432.43

Fulton summoned to face disciplinary committee

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

DESPITE naming an unchanged side and being installed as 7-4 on favourites to beat England in the Halifax rugby league World Cup final at Wembley on Saturday, Australia found other events off the field yesterday somewhat more unsettling.

Bob Fulton, the Australia coach, has been ordered before the disciplinary committee of the International Rugby League Board next week to explain remarks directed at Greg McCallum, the tournament director of referees, after the semi-final defeat of New Zealand last Sunday.

Fulton, who described the incident as a "non-issue and non-event", could be fined or reprimanded for approaching McCallum after the match in Huddersfield went in to extra time and allegedly saying: "It's a carve-up, you are responsible and it's a slight on your name."

The Australia management subsequently issued a formal complaint about the referee, Russell Smith, of England, whom McCallum defended yesterday. "Obviously some of the issues raised in the Australian's complaint are justified, as they are in any game but, overall, the video supports the overwhelming majority of his decisions," he said.

In referring the matter to the board, Maurice Lindsay, the tournament director, said: "It would be a shame to detract from what was a magnificent semi-final and from the final itself, but we cannot let it go without investigation."

AUSTRALIA

v England at Wembley, Saturday

T Brasher (Sydney Tigers); R Wishart (Illawarra), M Coyne (St George), T Hill (Manly), B Dallas (Sydney Bulldogs), B Fitzer (Penrith, captain), G Toovey (Manly); D Fay (Sydney Bulldogs), A Johns (Newcastle), M Carroll (Manly), S Menzies (Manly), G Larson (North Sydney), J Dymock (Sydney Bulldogs). Substitutes: R O'Davis (Newcastle), M Johns (Newcastle), J Smith (Sydney Bulldogs), N Kosef (Manly)

Geoff Carr, the Australia team manager, said he believed that Fulton had done nothing wrong and added that the coach had his full backing. Asked if it had disrupted preparations for the final, Fulton said: "Not in any shape or form."

Referring to another complaint and possible fine, for flouting rules on tobacco advertising — support staff ran on to the pitch at Huddersfield in sweatshirts which bore the logo of the team's sponsor — Carr said: "The trainers have run on in every World Cup game with the logo on. This time the shirts were red and stood out. Anything which causes friction or a problem, we'll certainly look at."

There was no place in the final selection for David Gillespie, the Manly prop, who has been troubled by a hamstring injury since the opening defeat by England. "We figured that we would be better served by going in with those players who played at the weekend," Fulton, whose only injury worry is Rod Wishart, the goal-kicking wing, said.

Confidence within the Kangaroos' camp has risen on the back of the 30-20 defeat of the Kiwis, although Fulton acknowledged that England, albeit hit by the withdrawal of Shaun Edwards and Daryl Powell, had their best chance of ending Australia's 20-year domination of the World Cup.

"I'm pretty well pleased with the way things have gone since our opening game when we were beaten by the better side on the day," Fulton said.

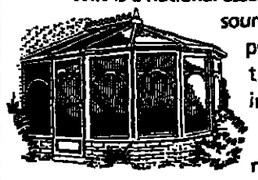
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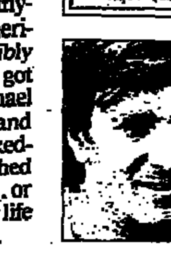
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Flash, bang, wallop — Wicksy's back

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Well, at least now we know what happened when Wicksy grew up. None of that nonsense about falling through a time warp and waking up as a policeman in 1960s Yorkshire. Seems he simply strolled out of Albert Square, turned left at the Mile End Road and moved "up west" to start a new life as Rick Caulker, streetwise **Paparazzo** (ITV).

The name may have changed, but the mannerisms certainly had not. There was still that subtle swagger in the walk; still that cocky, defiant stare that only those with an army of scriptwriters on their side can get away with, and there was still that legendary, lady-killing charm. Nick Berry does it all very well and did it very well again last night in this, the latest suck-it-and-see drama pilot from ITV.

If only he had stuck with the acting. It was apparently Berry's idea that his love interest should be a kung-fu movie starlet from America — just like, just like... no, I couldn't think of one either. But Berry is a very big star for ITV these days and needs to be kept happy. "A kung-fu movie starlet, huh?" sighed a presumably aghast producer: "Yeah, great idea, Nick."

Whether it was Berry's idea to call his starlet Sadie Prince I do not know, but I think we should be told. Never trust a drama with a character called Sadie. Nobody, outside the heavily embossed covers of airport thrillers, is called Sadie. Once I didn't believe in Sadie, I didn't believe in anything.

In the role of the said, sad Sadie, Fay Masterson struggled womanfully with a blonde wig, an American accent and the type of dialogue that Guy Andrews, the writer, must have cut out and kept from old Sunday afternoon movies. "I'm going to sing, Daddy — just like mama." Well, ain't that swell.

It wasn't that there was anything very wrong with her American accent, it just sounded terribly hard work. At one point things got so bad, I didn't believe in Michael J. Shannon's accent either — and he is American. As Sadie's wickedly manipulative father, he finished one memorable threat with "... or you'll spend the rest of your life sucking mush through a toob".

Toob mush proved too much for me — much, mush, toob much. Since this was coupled with lines such as: "Poor is no good Sadie, rich is better", I wouldn't be at all surprised if the American Embassy sued Yorkshire Television for gross misrepresentation.

As this was a pilot, the big question is: "Do we throw the baby out with the toob mush?" And, slightly to my surprise, the answer is: probably not. True, you do wonder how long it will be before Rick's fellow photographers twig to the fact that every time they run out of the café, he stays put — and still gets the picture. Or how long such straightforward devices as booking into a hotel room or climbing over the garden wall will keep him ahead of the pack.

But with Sadie obligingly out of the way (guess what — "a friend of mine has a club in Vegas"), Rick is once again foot-loose and f-stop free: Tony Kambona (Gary Beadle) has been established as his mate and Lionel (Jeff Nuttall), the grubby picture agency boss, as the comedian. "Are we talking pubes here?" In a Nick Berry show? Don't be silly.

In defence of his dialogue, Guy Andrews could point to last night's **Grace Under Fire** (BBC2) as evidence that Americans really do talk like that — and he'd have a point. "This is weird," said Grace. "This is weird," said Matthew, the long-lost son she had given up for adoption 19 years ago. This, in fact, was a lot more than weird, it was extraordinary.

By now, we are used to American sit-coms taking the odd hum-our-curdling diversion into sentimentality. But we are certainly not yet used to the *Roseanne*-inspired habit of mixing sentiment with a generous dollop of frontline politics. "Thanks for not having an abortion." Matthew said. What followed was a television first — a canned "pro-life" cheer.

"Thanks for not having a bigger head," Grace replied, presumably as a sign that normal comic service would eventually be restored. But whatever my, no doubt very British, misgivings about such a vehicle tackling such a subject, you had to admire the detail packed into 23 minutes, albeit detail of the sickly sentimental variety.

For their first meeting, mother and long-lost son turned up wearing the same clothes, they both liked their burgers rare and they both drank beer — or they would have done but for Grace's success with the 12-step programme. We left them considering whether to go on *Rikki Lake* together. I have a nasty feeling it wasn't a joke.

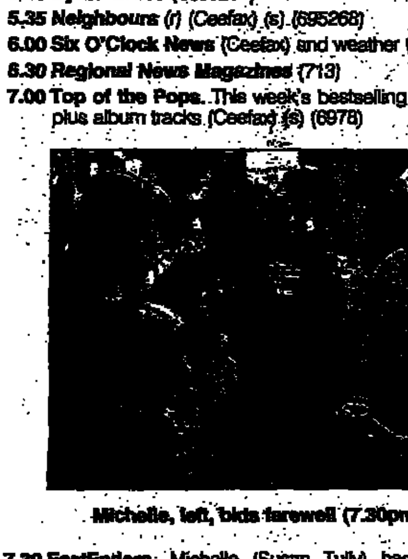
British courts martial do not give the accused a fair hearing, so last night's **Dispatches** (Channel 4) decided to turn the tables by not giving them one. Kangaroo courts require kangaroo documentaries, was the general thrust, with reporter-turned-polemicist Callum Macrae brooking no opposition. Well, almost no opposition.

"Once again I'm reduced to saying that in practice it does work fairly well," said James Stuart-Smith, a former Judge Advocate General, now edited down to the role of apologist.

But for all its one-sidedness, for all that it got sidetracked by the slightly separate issue of post-traumatic stress disorder, the programme did paint a pretty convincing picture of a system of justice virtually removed from public scrutiny, riddled with conflicts of interest and heading for an ugly showdown with the European Commission of Human Rights. Prejudiced but powerful.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (67084)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86531171)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (8826620)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5743688) **10.05 Housemates** (s) (1593794)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (1634317)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4032591) **12.05pm Pebble Mill.** Sarah Green is joined by Richard Digance (s) (7344423)
12.50 Regional News and weather (17863715)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (39152)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (91563249)
1.50 The Flying Doctors (Ceefax) (s) (7544268)
2.35 This Is Your Life (Ceefax) (s) (6438881)
3.05 Incognito (s) (8157794)
3.30 Moomin (r) (6246171) **3.55 Monster Cafe** (s) (4643930) **4.10 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (Ceefax) (s) (1424794) **4.35 Smart** (Ceefax) (s) (2126626)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9385046)
5.10 Byker Grove (2660201)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (695268)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (133)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (713)
7.00 Top of the Pops. This week's bestselling singles, plus album tracks (Ceefax) (s) (6978)

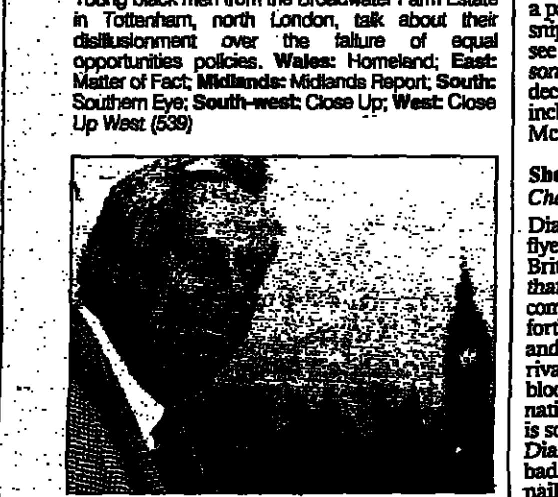


Michelle, left, bids farewell (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Michelle (Susan Tully) has some peacemaking with Pauline to attend to, some explaining to do to Grant and makes some choices that will affect the rest of her life. (Ceefax) (s) (997)
8.00 Animal Hospital with Rolf Harris. (Ceefax) (s) (5626)
8.30 Auntie's New Bloomers. Another collection of out-takes from the BBC cutting-room floor (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4133) **Wales:** Wonder Woman (4133)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8171)
9.30 Backup: Cut and Dried. Drama series about a police operational support unit. (Ceefax) (s) (184862)
10.20 Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs a topical debate in Birmingham. The guests are Mary Ann Sieghart, an assistant editor of *The Times*, and MPs Norman Lamont, Roy Hattersley and Diana Maddock (Ceefax) (773930) **Wales:** The Slate (436997) 11.00 Question Time (16201) 12.00 Film: Moon over Parador (800398) 1.40 Snooker — Grand Prix (3881027) 2.40 News headlines (4024843) and weather
11.20 FILM: Moon over Parador (1988). Comedy with Richard Dreyfuss, Raul Julia, Sonia Braga, *Jonathan Winters, Fernando Rey and Sammy Davis* Jr. A struggling American actor on location is forced to impersonate a recently deceased Latin American dictator and finds he rather enjoys the role. Directed by Paul Mazursky (Ceefax) (s) (192572)
1.00am Snooker — Grand Prix. Highlights from Crowtree, Sunderland (s) (39843)
2.00 Weather (5467282)

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season: Wall To Wall (84249) **6.30** Heavenly Bodies (18171)
7.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8714305) **7.15 Lassie** (9709881) **7.40 Pirates of Dark Water** (r) (9819572) **8.05 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4263779)
8.35 The Record (s) (6572978)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, *for children.* **10.00-10.25** *Playdays (1571572)*
2.00 The Family Ness (r) (97949607) **2.05 Bump** (r) (97948978)
2.10 Snooker from Sunderland (s) (2708959)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster With Nick Ross** (s) (8813423) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8099336)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (626)
4.30 Snooker from Sunderland (s) (46591)
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. Science-fiction adventure series. (Ceefax) (s) (573404)
6.45 Rocky Star (b/w). Spoof sci-fi (418572)
6.50 Close Up. A scene from *King Kong* (152404)
7.00 Waiting for God. Comedy (r). (7220)
7.30 First Sight: Black Times — We Regret to Inform. Young black men from the Broadwater Farm Estate in Tottenham, north London, talk about their disillusionment over the failure of equal opportunities policies. **Wales:** Homeland; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close *Up West (539)*



Terry Major-Ball tours Europe (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Picture This: Postcards to My Brother.** (Ceefax) (s) (3268)
8.30 Top Gear. *With Ford's new GT90.* (Ceefax) (s) (2775)
9.00 CHOICE **In the Company Of Men.** Second of Molly Dineen's three films showing life with the Welsh Guards. (Ceefax) (s) (2249)
10.00 Steptoe and Son (r). (Ceefax) (40133)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (748404)
11.15 Late Review with Mark Lawson (s) (633268)
11.55 Weather (763292)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Trevor Phillips. Political chat show (s) (76602)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone: Open University — Modelling in the Money Markets (57089) **1.00** Bulls, Bears and China Shops (57602) **1.30** In Search of Identity (16843) **2.00 FETV Short Cuts:** Information Technology 95 (60486) **4.00 BBC Focus:** The Royal Institution Lecture (56805) **5.30** RCN Nursing *Update (77331)*

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CHOICE

Picture This: Postcards to My Brother
BBC2, 8.00pm

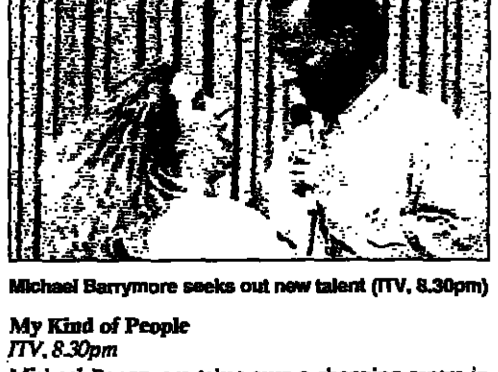
Terry Major-Ball, brother of the Prime Minister, enters the debate over Europe by paying his first visit to the Continent for 40 years and reporting back by postcard to No 10. Packing plenty of PG Tips in case *the French are not up to making a decent cup of tea*, he takes the Eurostar to Paris. His views on a common European currency are unclear but he does admire the size of the French banknotes. He also likes looking down holes, of which European cities seem to have an abundance. But the highlight of the trip is a visit to a garden gnome factory in Stuttgart. By now you may have wondered whether Fran Landsman's film is nothing but a whopping send-up. But the good-humoured Terry ensures that the joke is not on him.

In the Company of Men
BBC2, 9.00pm

Molly Dineen's trilogy on the Welsh Guards serving in pre-ceasefire Northern Ireland continues to be *stronger on character than incident*, though this is hardly a failing. The pivotal character tonight is Second Lieutenant Bruce McInnes. At 24, and fresh out of Sandhurst, he is being given his first experience of command. His job is to lead 12 experienced men on a patrol near the border, where the chances of an IRA snipe are put at "relatively high". Although we never see her, Dineen sticks to the troops like a leech and *some of the best material comes in response to her* deceptively casual questioning. The men are not inclined to flatter their young commander, while McInnes cheerfully admits to his lack of experience.

Short Stories: Flying Me Crazy
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Diana Britten, a 50-year-old mother of three, is a high-flyer in more senses that one. Her ambition is to be British aerobatics champion. No woman has achieved *that distinction. Moreover, she is an amateur pilot* competing against professionals. But she is a forthright character who hates being called ladylike and she promises to wipe the floor with her male rivals. They, in turn, have grudging respect for "that bloody woman". Steve Finnigan's film homes in on the national championship in Northampton. The weather is so bad that the first day's flying has to be cancelled. *Diana's main rival cries off with an ear infection.* The bad news is that he becomes a judge. The contest is a nail-biter and is decided only at the very end.



Michael Barrymore seeks out new talent (ITV, 8.30pm)

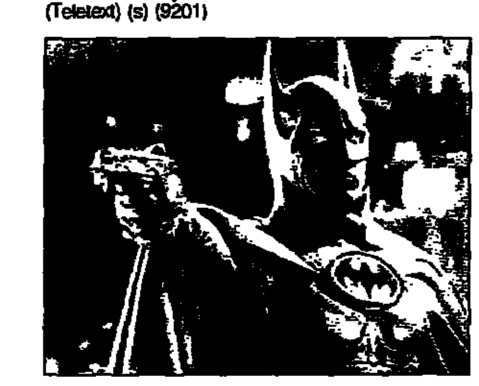
My Kind of People
ITV, 8.30pm

Michael Barrymore takes over a shopping centre in Croydon to launch another series in which budding entertainers are invited to get up and do their worst. *Milkmen, factory workers, car mechanics and tiny tots* have their two minutes of fame. The great thing about Barrymore's shows is their spontaneity. If they are rehearsed it does not look like it and what they lack in polish they more than make up for in exuberance. One thing is certain. The enterprise would be nothing without the host. Barrymore has the knack of lifting the most ordinary material, whether singing along *with the performers, taking over the camera or simply* pulling faces in the background. Best of all, he never patronises.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7789539)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Quiz show (s) (5053065)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1598249)
10.00 The Time ... the Place (s) (9414930)
10.35 This Morning at half-term includes careers advice *for young people (39630607)*
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4038775)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9482930)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9407249)
1.25 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (22297201)
1.55 A Country Practice (s) (91551404)
2.20 Vanessa An Older Man Ruined My Life (Teletext) (s) (44555591)
2.50 Special Babies (r) (Teletext) (s) (8429133)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (5077743)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (1002274)
3.30 The Riddlers (4675539) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (1459572) **3.50 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (4679355) **4.05 Garfield and Friends** (9264423) **4.15 Fantomcat** (1418133) **4.40 Woof!** (Teletext) (s) (6395626)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating and Neil Sedaka and Status Quo. (Teletext) (1524997)
5.40 ITN Evening News (Teletext) (929862)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (833572)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (201)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (881)
7.00 Emmerdale. Kim investigates sabotage at Home Farm and Pollard is surprised by new occupants at *the village hall (Teletext) (1046)*
7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murnaghan looks at dangerous ways to beat burlars (s) (715)
8.00 The Bill: Day of Rest. A summer Sunday is far from restful. With Jacqueline Tong, Eric Richard, Glyn *Grain, and Lynne Miller. (Teletext) (2274)*
8.30 CHOICE **Michael Barrymore's My Kind of People.** The entertainer's new series. (Teletext) (s) (9201)

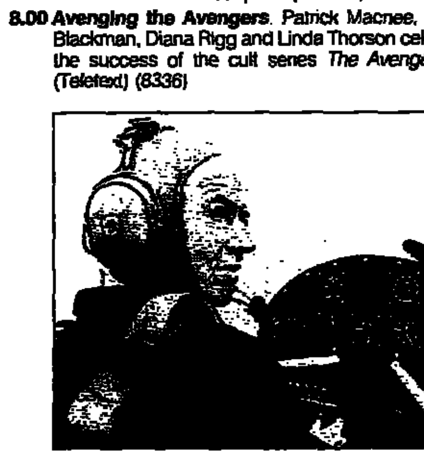


Michael Keaton is dressed to kill (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Batman Returns (1992). Michael Keaton is outshone by the wisecracking Michelle Pfeiffer and *Danny DeVito (the Penguin). The morose but moral* caped crusader comes to the rescue of Gotham City once again. Directed by Tim Burton. Continues after the news (9775)
10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (44959)
10.30 London Tonight *(Teletext) (410249)*
10.40 FILM: Batman Returns continued (8604065)
12.00 Big City *(s) (71076)*
12.30 Bagdad Cafe (s) (77843)
1.00 War of the Worlds *(r) (3892176)*
1.55 Shift (4996640)
2.50 The Beat (r) (s) (4745263)
3.45 The Album Show (r) (s) (3336911)
4.40 On the Live Side (93467621)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (52669)
5.30 ITN Morning News (21535) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6331626)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (29775)
9.00 Biker Mice from Mars (5041220) **9.25 Mork and Mindy** *(r) (5051607)* **9.55 Saved by the Bell: The New Class** (r) (9576133)
10.20 The Legend of White Fang (r) (1500084) **10.50 The Pink Panther Show** (s) (3040978)
11.15 Little Shop (r) (5098355) **11.35 Dennis** (r) (3183775)
12.00 House to House (34572)
12.30pm Sesame Street *Early-learning series (10133)*
1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (47452572)
1.55 Petronella. *Cartoon (26394442)*
2.10 FILM: The Bribe (1949, b/w) Robert Taylor plays a Federal agent who falls in love with sultry singer Ava Gardner, while investigating a smuggling racket in the Caribbean. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard *(554220)*
4.00 Think Tank. Team quiz. (Teletext) (s) (794)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (978)
5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (1642510)
5.45 Terrytoons. Mighty Heroes (926775)
6.00 Home Improvement: Ex Marks the Spot. American sit-com. (Teletext) (s) (171)
6.30 New Gamesmaster. The latest video and computer games (s) (423)
7.00 Channel 4 News *(Teletext) (797442)*
7.50 The Slot. Viewers' soapbox (748510)
8.00 Avenging the Avengers. Patrick Macnee, Honor Blackman, Diana Rigg and Linda Thorson celebrate the success of the cult series *The Avengers* (r). (Teletext) (8336)



Diana Britten reaches for the sky (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Short Stories: Flying Me Crazy.** (Teletext) (7341)
9.00 Rocket Men. *Encounters* film about people whose hobby it is to build rockets (r). (Teletext) (7317)
10.00 Jake's Progress. Third episode of a six-part tragi-comedy by *Alan Bleasdale. Kate is distracting* Jamie more and more, while Jake's badly behaved imaginary friend makes a move on baby Ben. (Teletext) (8096133)
11.15 NEW **Get Up, Stand Up.** Irreverent comedy sketches and stand-up routines (s) (725713)
11.50 Fourmations: Secret Passions — Animation Since Perestroika. Documentary on animators and their art in the former Soviet Union (s) (469775)
12.20am Dispatches *(r) (4622669)*
1.05 FILM: Run for Cover (1955) Powerful western starring James Cagney as a former convict who is appointed sheriff of a small town. Directed by Nicholas Ray. (Teletext) (942114)
2.50 Fourmations: Secret Passions — Animation Since Perestroika. Three short films: *Wings* by Alexander Lenkin, *Switchcraft* by Konstantin Bronzit and *War* by Hardi Vollmer and Riho Unt (7908398)
3.20 Rocky World. Daniel Lanois, the French-Canadian record producer and musician, performing live with Aaron Neville, U2 and Peter Gabriel (r) (s) (4578945). Ends at **4.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (1598249) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (4038775) **12.55** Emmerdale (9407249) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22297201) **2.50-3.20** High Road (8429133) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (1002274) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1524997) **6.25** Anglia Weather (816930) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (881) **10.30-10.40** *Anglia News (410249)* **12.00am** *The Front* Row (71076) **12.30** War and Remembrance (110447) **2.20** Best of British Motorsport (5006963) **3.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75903195) **4.10** Quiz Night (90648008) **4.35** Recollections (24517805)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (1598249) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (4038775) **2.50-3.20** High Road (8429133) **3.25-3.30** Central News (1002274) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street *(1524997)* **6.25-7.00** *Central News and* Weather (845268) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (410249) **12.00am** Tales *from the Crypt* (71076) **12.30** *Air Ambulance* (77843) **4.40** Jobfinder (9581176) **5.30** Asian Eye (4868027)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (1598249) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (4038775) **12.55-1.25** *Shortland* Street (9407249) **1.25** Home and Away (81501065) **1.50** Vanessa (47470978) **2.20** Special Babies (44555591) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (8429133) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (1002274) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1524997) **6.25** Granada Tonight (845268) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (410249) **12.00am** New Voices (71076) **12.30** Short Story Cinema (77843) **4.40** Jobfinder (93467621)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (5857881) **1.20** Coronation Street (22296930) **2.50-3.20** Gardening *Time* (8429133) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1524997) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (881) **12.00am** Riddle Me *this: Why is Batman* Forever? (71076) **12.30** The Twilight Zone (77843) **4.40** Jobfinder (93467621)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 *HTV Wales News and Weather* (4038775) **2.50-3.20** Surprise Chefs (8429133) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (1002274) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (881) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (715) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (410249) **12.00am** Walker on Sport (71076) **12.30** *The Big Story* (77843)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9407249) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22297201) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (8429133) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1524997) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (201) **6.30-7.00** Big Day Out (881) **12.00am** Beyond *Reality* (5775282) **12.35** War and Remembrance (128486) **2.20** Best of British Motorsport (5006963) **3.45** Cinema, *Cinema, Cinema* (75903195) **4.10** Quiz Night (90648008) **4.35** Recollections (24517805) **5.00** Freescreen (52669)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.25-12.30 My Story (4046794) **12.55** Emmerdale (9407249) **1.25** *Home and Away (22297201)* **1.55-2.20** *The* Young Doctors (91551404) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (8429133) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (1002274) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1524997) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (93713) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (410249) **12.00am** Prisoner Cell Block H (36621) **4.40** Jobfinder (93467621)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9407249) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (22297201) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (8429133) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1524997) **5.55** Calendar (132171) **6.30-** *7.00 Blockbusters* (881) **12.00am** Prisoner Cell Block H (8093466) **12.55** Film: The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean (86025737) **3.10** *America's Top Ten* (97532360) **3.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2047843) **4.15** Jobfinder (9019447)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (29775) **9.00** *Biker Mice from Mars* (5041220) **9.25** Mork and Mindy (5051607) **9.55** Saved by the Bell: The New Class (9576133) **10.20** The Legend *of White Fang* (1500084) **10.50** The Pink Panther Show (3040978) **11.15** Little Shop of Horrors (5098355) **11.35** Dennis (3183775) **12.00pm** House to House (34572) **12.30** The Pink Panther Show (84281404) **12.45** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters! (94286659) **1.00** *Slot Meithrin* (22862) **1.30** Film: Appointment in London (20525046) **3.15** Ricki Lake (3698256) **4.00** Think Tank (794) **4.30** Absolutely Animals (978) **5.00** 5 Pump Lined 5 (2152) **5.30** Fifteen to One (930) **6.00** Newyddion (684794) **6.15** Heno (575997) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (429713) **7.25** Bacha Hi O' Ma (120881) **8.00** Er Mwyn Tad (8336) **8.30** Newyddion (7341) **9.00** Aria: Leila Megane (7317) **10.00** Film: Damage (18426268) **12.05am** In Search of Law and Order (9071244) **1.05** Fourmations: Secret Passion (4744669)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (88826) **8.00** Mighty Morphin (91891) **8.30** Jeopardy (90152) **9.00** Court TV (61404) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (83152) **10.30** Blockbusters (87688) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (79794) **12.00** Spellbound (75828) **12.30pm** Designing Women (10404) **1.00** The Waltons (15959) **2.00** Geraldo (53268) **3.00** Court TV (9323) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (3097978) **4.20** Kids TV (1583084) **4.30** Hero Turtles (8084) **5.00** The Next Generation (1065) **6.00** Mighty Morphin (6249) **6.30** Spellbound (3571) **7.00** LAPD (2794) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9713) **8.00** The Moors Murders (52404) **9.00** The New Untouchables (72268) **10.00** Star Trek (75355) **11.00** Law and Order (67959) **12.00** *David Letterman (5256350)* **12.45am** Glory Enough For All (7621737) **1.30** Anything But Love (12602) **2.00** Hit Mix (3874843)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
8.00am Sunrise (3819713) **10.30** ABC Nightline (78930) **1.30pm** CBS News (44775) **2.30** Parliament Live (68591) (27220) **5.00** Live At Five (63317) **6.30** Tonight With Adam Boulton (1171) **8.30** Target (8591) **11.30** CBS News (18220) **1.30am** Adam Boulton (16737) **2.30** Parliament Replay (15008) **4.30** News (34621) **5.30** News (39195)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1087713) **10.00 Caught In The Act** (1993) (14220) **12.00 How I Got Into College** (1989) (50171) **2.00pm Lucky Lady** (1976) (68607) **4.00** Lad: A Dog (1962): Dog drama (8897) **6.00 Caught In The Act** (1993): As 10am (73337353) **7.40** US Top Ten (181389) **8.00 Son of the Pink Panther** (1993) (58688) **10.00 The Saint of Fort Washington** (1993) (785046) **11.45 Death Ring** (1991) (820336) **1.15am Accidental Meeting** (1993) (323737) **2.45 J'Embrasse Pas** (1992) (831195) **4.40-6.00 How I Got Into College** (1989): As noon (8482195)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
12.00 Let's Make Love (1960) (95668) **2.00pm The Young Philadelphians** (74583846) **4.25 The Big Steal** (1949) (32690336) **6.00 The Great Lover** (1949) (59355) **8.00 Club Paradise** (1986) (21572) **10.00 Assault on Precinct 13** (1976) (958572) **11.50 The Day of the Jackal** (1973) (68413249) **2.15-3.25am Badman's Country** (1958) (1853089)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan and the Great River (1968) (82201) **8.00 Perils of Problemina** (1985) (35882) **10.00 David's Mother** (1994) (12862) **12.00 Honey, I Blew up the Kid** (1992) (58713) **2.00pm The Five Pennies** (1959) (64249) **4.00 Perils of Problemina** (1985) (4539) **6.00 Huck and the King of Hearts** (1993) (77713) **8.00 Honey, I Blew up The Kid** (1992): As noon (72930) **9.30 The Movie Show** (29978) **10.00 Body Snatchers** (1993) (939653) **11.35 Candyman** (1992) (339201) **1.15am Nightbreed** (1990) (582758) **3.00 Starting Again** (1994) (874080) **4.40-6.00 All I Desire** (1953) (8480737)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91654249) **6.30** Muppet Babies (13221442) **7.00** Pooh (59131201) **7.30** Ducktales (59150336) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (24415882) **8.30** Wonderland (24414133) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (24438713) **9.30** Pooh Corner (91322317) **10.00** Dumbo (13212794) **10.30** Donald's Quack Attack (24434997) **11.00** Walt Disney (59169084) **12.00** Sinbad (24425249) **12.30pm** The Torkelsons (35198249) **1.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (91325404) **2.00** Wonderland (65190249) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (23323881) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (65102084) **3.30** Pooh (23335626) **4.00** Donald (23314133) **4.30** Ducktales (23310317) **5.00** Chip 'n' Dale (66174201) **5.30** Danger Bay (23334997) *6.00 Tarzan (23324510)* **6.30** Dinosaurs (23316862) **7.00** FILM: The Horsemasters (24545171) **8.30-10.00** A Special Evening *With Elton John (36749404)*

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (29713) **7.30** World Wrestling (51830) **8.30** Aerobics Oz Style (25423) **9.00** Soccer Magazine (16775) **9.30** Tennis Magazine (41959) **10.00** Ice Warriors (54423) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (36539) **12.30pm** Grass Roots Rugby (45775) **1.00** ATP Tennis — Live (6055355) **6.00** World Wrestling (7891) **6.00** Sports Centre (2065) **6.30** Tight Lines (854323) **7.25** Sports Centre *(209046)* **7.30** *Ford Scorpio Golf USA* — Live (380626) **10.30** Sports Centre (13688) **11.00** Tight Lines (58143) **12.00** Rugby Union (89050) **12.30am** *Trans World Sport (42075)* **1.30** Get Your Handicap Down (58080) **2.00-2.30** Sports Centre (33756)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Equestrianism (86626) **8.30** Swim*ming (72591)* **10.00** *Dancing (89572)* **11.00** Tennis (67862) **11.30** Formula One (88591) **12.00** Basketball (21607) **12.30pm** Eurofun (63171) **1.00** Chess (68626) **2.00** Live Golf (43733) **4.00** Olympic Magazine (2224) **4.30** Triathlon (16862) **5.30** Motors (24820) **6.30** News (1713) **7.00** Superbike (14268) **8.00** Pro Wrestling (90688) **9.00** Kick Boxing (93292) **10.00** Darts (13539) **11.00** Athletics (90201) **12.00-12.30am** News (61718)



Edward Fox in *The Day of the Jackal* (Movies Gold, 11.50pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4152249) **8.30** Peyton Place (4144220) **9.00** As the World Turns *(6024626)* **10.00** *Guiding Light (2500046)* **11.00-12.00** Another World (2513510)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (4155336) **12.30pm** Boomerang (5209220) **1.00** Italy (2524626) **1.30** Owe The World *(5207591)* **2.00** *Getaway* (1076336) **2.30** On Top (8204065) **3.00** Discover (1068171) **3.30** Florida! (9209510) **4.00** *Travel Guide (rpt 20.30)* (9295317) **4.30** River Adventures (9284201) **5.00** Sports Vacations (1067688) **5.30** Around the World (9208881) **6.00** On Top (9205794) **6.30** Independent Travellers (7909959) **7.30** Getaway (9285930) **8.00** Around the World (1056572) **8.30** Sky Travel (1075807) **9.00** Floyd (4581268) **9.30** Independent Travellers (4645249) **10.30** Sports Vacations (4165713) **11.00** Globetrotter (4586713) **11.30-12.00** American Adventurer (4242046)

TLC
9.00am Wild (7799713) **9.30** *Simply Delicious* (7372978) **10.00** It's A Vet's Life (1436317) **10.30** Thank You, Mr Crutt *(7795997)* **11.00** Only Human (9274355) **12.00** General Practice (7355201) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious (9278171) **1.30** Who Al Heart (7375065) **2.00** Will It Hurt? (9286220) **2.30** Right Or Wrong (7497539) **3.00** Animal Magnetism (9205355) **3.30-4.00** It's a Vet's Life (7492084)

UK GOLD
7.00am Namia (9248930) **7.30** Neighbours (9267065) **8.00** Sons (7767220) **8.30** EastEnders (7777591) **9.00** The Bill (7791171) **9.30** The Sullivans (7374336) **10.00** All *Creatures (9263249)* **11.00** Dallas (9278713) **12.00** Sons (7788807) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7378152) **1.00** EastEnders (9247201) **1.30** The Bill (7377423) **2.00** The Sullivans (51243423) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (8515794) **3.00** Angels (9207713) **3.30** Eldorado (7494442) **4.00** Casualty (10298323) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4468046) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (4784084) **6.25** EastEnders (9525171) **7.00** *Eldorado (9298794)* **7.30** *Kenny Everett* (7470862) **8.00** Angels (9208442) **8.30** Carry On! (9294249) **9.00** Minder (1815626) **10.00** The Bill (2488607) **10.35** Cup Final (51602930) **11.40** Lenny Henry (8702249) **12.15am** Dr Who (3413534) **12.45** FILM: Dr Terror's House of Horror (5118195) **2.30-3.00** Shopping (3486553)

TCC
6.00am Sesame (74336) **7.00** Barney (52626) **7.30** Sonic (31133) **8.00** Sweet Valley (62978) **8.30** The Tick *(81249)* **9.00** Top Toons (45201) **9.30** Where's Wally? (12323) **10.00** Garfield (25084) **10.30** Art Attack (8297249) **10.45** Dash (6285404) **11.00** AJ's Time Travellers (11602) **11.30** Hang Time (81161) **12.00** California (65065) **12.30pm** Bill and Ted (74201) **1.00** Sonic (62664) **2.00-5.00** Hang Time (171065)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (9846152) **7.05** Hero Turtles (7869317) **7.45** Rugrats (846794) **8.15** The Ferals (981336) **8.45** Count Duckula (5381664) **9.00** Nick Jr (610404) **12.00** Lunchbox (27881) **12.30pm** Pee Wee's Playhouse (43317) **1.00** The Ferals (26626) **1.30** Dungeons (42688) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (2336) **2.30** Galaxy High School (8978) **3.00** Count Duckula (4171) **3.30** Legend of the North Wind (4423) **4.00** Hero Turtles (3930) **4.30** Rugrats (2442) **5.00** Clarissa (3688) **5.30** Global Guts (3794) **6.00** Doug (5797) **6.30-7.00** Duckula (1959)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Nature Watch (7471591) **4.30** Life in the Wild (7477775) **5.00** Darkness (9296607) **6.00** Invention (9511978) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (7246030) **7.30** Mysteries (7478404) **8.00** Weather (9206084) **8.30** Ultra Science (9285591) **9.00** Top Guns (5649713) **9.30** Detectives (7356930) **10.00** The Dinosaurs! *(1818355)* **11.00** Driving (5511930) **11.30-12.00** Special Forces (1425201)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Stranger from Venus (3843862) **1.30am** Scotland Yard (7362591) **2.00** Danger Man (1424572) **3.00** Robin Hood (9292881) **3.30** Man from Interpol (7489510) **4.00** FILM: The Brides of Fu Manchu (9203997) **6.00** Scotland Yard (7485794) **6.30** UFO *(1817591)* **7.30** Robin Hood (7465930) **8.00** Space 1999 (1880930) **9.00** The Prisoner (1800794) **10.00-12.00** FILM: *Two Way Stretch (5627591)*

UK LIVING
6.00am *Agony Hour (9217201)* **7.00** Living (1881794) **9.00** The Treatment (7742881) **9.30** Kate (1961688) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (4514591) **10.50** Entertainment Now (40003171) **11.00** The Young (4366775) **11.55** Masterchef (6333862) **12.30pm** Brookside (4793997) **1.05** Kilroy (6194152) **2.00** Agony Hour (4288249) **3.00** Living (8697220) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9536133) **4.30** Crosswits (7433336) **5.05** Joker's Wild (98179297) **5.30** Bewitched (9556997) **6.00** Esther (9548510) **6.30** Brookside (3230794) **7.05** Jerry Springer (4705268) **8.00** The Young (2895201) **9.00** *FILM: Hex* (17451152) **10.50** Entertainment Now (6250539) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women *(1661930)*

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (5442) **5.30** Tintin (482881) **5.50** Batman (933862) **6.25** Catchphrase (532317) **7.00** Through The Keyhole *(2978)* **7.30** My Two Dads (3997) **8.00** Darling Buds (23930) **9.00** Ruth Rendell Mysteries: An Unkindness of Ravens (43794) **10.00** Busman's Holiday (66794) **10.30** Moonlighting (42930) **11.30** Batman (21268) **12.00** Tintin (17878) **12.30am** Second *Guess (91495)* **1.00** *Zorro (73263)* **1.30** Rhoda (16466) **2.00** Moonlighting (55027) **3.00** Rhoda (93027) **3.30** Zorro (49331) **4.00** *The Wonder Years (60824)* **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (94756)

MTV
5.00am Awake (41008) **6.30** The Grind (95602) **7.00** 3 From 1 (7412626) **7.15** Awake (5920201) **8.00** VJ Maria (531423) **11.00** Soul (58539) **12.00** Hits (95794) **1.00pm** Music (62882) **2.00** 3 From 1 (16310688) **2.15** Music (26993978) **2.30** *Sports (4862)* **3.00** Cinematic (5658572) **3.15** Hanging Out (6210626) **4.00** News (3050862) **4.15** Hanging Out (3073713) **4.30** Dial (4626) **5.00** Dance (4572) **5.30** Hanging Out (5978) **6.00** VJ Helena Christensen (91978) **7.00** Greatest Hits (56268) **8.00** Most Wanted (85442) **9.30** Beavis (96423) **10.00** News (505688) **10.15** Cinematic (526171) **10.30** Aeon Flux (51688) **11.30** The End? (51292) **12.30am** Videos (5431992)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (2523997) **9.00** *Cafe (1235171)* **12.00** *Heart and Soul* (5229713) **1.00** Vinyl (5205133) **2.00pm** Jonathan Coleman (4256249) **3.00** Into The Music (2880862) **6.00** VH-1-2-3. Squeeze (5225997) **7.00** For You (2747317) **8.00** Review (2756065) **9.00** Jon Bon Jovi (2736201) **10.00** Vinyl Years (2746688) **11.00** The Bridge (4576626) **1.00am** INXS (5437447) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

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Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm They Were Expendable (1945) (44272442) **11.30 Theme: Clowning Around** (13209220) **11.30 Doughboys** (1930) (51369249) **1.00am Quick Before It Melts** (1964) (75339263) **2.45 You're in the Army Now** (1941) (27899485)

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England reach stiff victory target against Eastern Transvaal

Ramprakash rises to challenge

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN SPRINGS

ENGLAND prevailed in their 50-over day-night match against Eastern Transvaal, but it was a close run thing. They got there chiefly because Mark Ramprakash rode his luck and the lower order rallied to his cause. With his unbeaten innings of 89, Ramprakash enabled England to win by five wickets with an over to spare.

Ramprakash, dropped at mid-on when he was 50, survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket one run later and, on 59, umpire Barry Lambson judged that he had made his ground when a throw came in from mid-wicket. Dominic Cork gave him valuable assistance as the pair whittled down the requirement of 68 from the last ten overs.

The start of the England innings was bizarre. In the second over Stewart, after pulling Stevenson for two boundaries, clipped an uppish shot to short mid-wicket where Skeete, the Barbadian, dived to hold a good two-handed catch. As he rolled over, Skeete released the ball in triumph and Stewart waited until the umpire, Cyril Mitchley, pronounced the catch good before leaving the crease.

Skeete's third over brought a bran tub of unexpected delights. It began when Atherton sought a sharp single to mid-wicket and survived only because the umpire, Barry Lambson, chose to ignore the evidence of a bat nine inches short of the crease when Cook's throw broke the wicket. There was no third umpire but in this case there was no need for one.

At once Skeete should have had Hick caught at the wicket and this time it was Hick's turn to be lucky. Unaccountably, McBride dropped the ball and Hick made good his escape, top-edging a shot over the third-man boundary and pulling another six over long-leg. They were not so much strokes of a man inspired as one who was fearful of what fate might well befall him.



Cork found a moment for reflection as the home side piled on the runs in yesterday's day-night match. Photograph: Graham Morris

Hick's intuition was not misplaced. After striking three good boundaries he tried to "fetch" Meyer from around his off stump and caught the ball high on the bat, offering the bowler a high return catch he took gleefully, running towards mid-wicket to make sure it was his.

Atherton, partnered by Thorpe, now shouldered the responsibility for seeing England to their target. Characteristically, he prepared himself for the role as innings sustainer until he was tempted far from his crease by Jordan and McBride achieved the stumping. It was a clever piece of bowling by the spinner, who had bowled the ball a shade wider after being driven down the ground for four.

In Jordan's next over, Thorpe preferred to rock back on the back foot. Opening the face of his bat as he tried to work the ball through the leg side, he missed it as it turned into him and he was given out leg-before.

SCOREBOARD FROM SPRINGS

Eastern Transvaal won toss

EASTERN TRANSVAAL

W R Radford c and b Cork	92
M Mitchley b Illingworth	42
C R Norris b Gough	32
C Grainger not out	58
T A Marsh c Smith b Martin	25
S M Skeete run out	2
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 1)	10
Total (5 wkts)	261

G P Cooke, *†B McBride, G D Stevenson, J R Meyer and L C R Jordan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-158, 3-211, 4-253, 5-261.

BOWLING: Cork 10-1-48-1; Fraser 9-0-49-0; Martin 10-2-49-1; Gough 10-0-45-1; Illingworth 9-0-52-1; Hick 2-0-12-0.

ENGLAND XI

*M A Atherton stumped McBride b Jordan	33
†A J Stewart c Skeete b Stevenson	9
G A Hick c and b Meyer	34
G P Thorpe lbw b Jordan	22
R A Smith run out	33
M R Ramprakash not out	89
D G Cork not out	29
Extras	15
Total (5 wkts, 49 overs)	284

D Gough, P J Martin, R K Illingworth and A R C Fraser did not bat bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-68, 3-107, 4-119, 5-165.

Umpires: C Mitchley and B Lambson.

England won by five wickets

The England bowling lacked steadiness as Eastern Transvaal built handsomely on a century opening stand between Radford and Mitchley. There were only three maidens in the innings and the ground fielding was moderate, to say the least. These are early days on tour but England must improve their stopping, movement and throwing. Both openers played comfortably, at first within themselves and then more confidently as they realised they were not facing supermen.

By the time Radford reached his half-century, from 69 balls, with a pulled six off Illingworth he had found the boundary eight times, prompting one of the less agreeable audio-sensory innovations. In order to bring some fizz to the proceedings, every time a batsman scored four runs the public address system blasted out a ghastly jingle, which ended: "That's the way to change the score . . . Uh huh, uh huh, uh huh, it's four!"

As if this was not enough to satisfy the idle mind there appeared from the main stand an array of schoolgirls, togged up in all-red outfits, who serenaded spectators with an innocent brand of hokum.

Mitchley, sweeping at Illingworth, was bowled off his pads for 42. Radford was eight short of a hundred when he gave Cork a return catch. The momentum he established was maintained by Grainger, Morris and Marsh as the batsmen took full advantage of a flat pitch and some leaden fielding and England were left to make 262 for victory.

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Emburey obstacle, page 42

Report fails to allay fears on boxing safety

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) announced recommendations yesterday to tighten up medical procedures before and after boxing matches. But they will have done little to convince the general public that boxing is any safer today.

The report took eight medical specialists, including four neuro-surgeons, nearly 18 months. By a curious irony, the work of the panel, which started after the death of Bradley Stone, was released just 12 days after James Murray died. The panel said that the report was not a reaction to Murray's death.

The recommendations have been approved by the board but have yet to be passed by the area councils. The most important of the 12 points are: referees to be permitted to consult ringside doctors during contests and doctors allowed to draw any matter of concern to the notice of referees between rounds; weigh-in times to be brought forward at least 24 hours; magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) brain scans to be compulsory for all boxers; the suspension period for boxers knocked out to be extended from 28 days to 45.

Peter Richards, a neuro-surgeon and the chairman of the panel, said doctors would only minimise the risk and treat boxers as quickly and efficiently as possible in the case of serious injuries.

"I was asked on many occasions last week whether, having operated on men who have died, I can justify boxing. The fact is I have operated on far more people who have fallen off bicycles and died than boxing. I have operated on far more people who have been minding their own business in the street who have been hit over the head with a bottle than boxing.

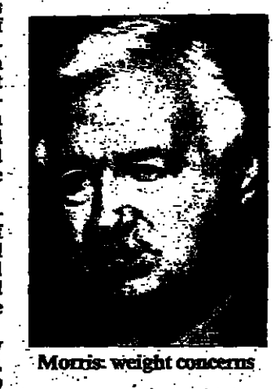
"All these things upset me but it is a part of life and it is my view that if you wish to box, and society wishes to go on boxing, then it is our duty as doctors to inform boxers of the risk and then do what we can to minimise the risk, and then, if something does go wrong, do what we can to treat them."

Richards believes that shorter contests would be safer but the panel was unable to make any proposal as it felt it would need the approval of other world bodies first.

"Accidents have come at the end of hard fights between two well-matched opponents," Richards said. "We felt it would be wise to reduce the number of rounds. What we couldn't do was put a figure on how many rounds is safe, other than zero."

The panel failed to address adequately the problem of dehydration. Bringing the weigh-in forward 24 hours is unlikely to have any effect. As Barry McGuigan, chairman of the Professional Boxers Association, said: "Twenty-four hours is not enough time to recover."

John Morris, the BBBC secretary, said that inspectors would be making unannounced checks at gyms to see that weight reduction was being properly supervised. Morris will also be consulting the boxing commission in South Africa, where boxers have to make a weight five days before a bout or be ruled out.



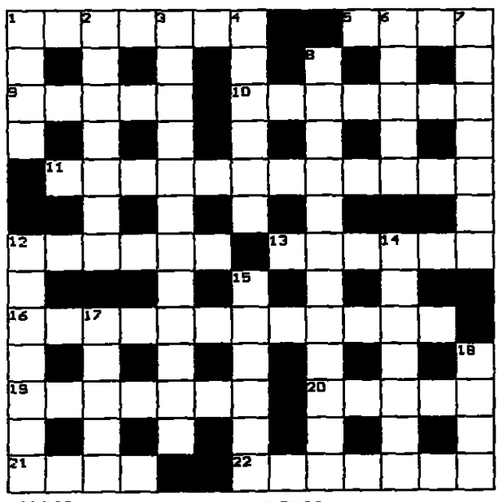
Morris: weight concerns

Dr Adrian Whiteson, the chief medical officer of the board, said: "The boxer himself is responsible for his own fitness. If you cheat you are in trouble. And boxers must be aware of the weight at which they are comfortable, not the weight at which they look good in the ring, and then collapse later. We have also got to prevent boxers going into the ring who are disadvantaged, hence the MRI."

A spokeswoman for the British Medical Association said: "This is a step in the right direction. The recommendations, such as the MRI scan, we think will produce a body of research indicating the kind of acute, and in particular accumulative, damage to boxers' brains which necessitate a ban on the sport."

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12 To flush (6)
13 Ridiculous (6)
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19 Austere (7)
20 Scandinavian giant; to sing; to fish (5)
21 Joint sealant; old instrument (4)
22 Present, established in locality (7)

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4 Cheap, showy (6)
6 Unbending (5)
7 Rash person (7)
8 Independently confirmed (12)
12 Option to accept; decision not to (7)
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Hull City granted stay of execution

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HULL City may be facing a last chance to guarantee survival after gaining a late reprieve from a winding-up order yesterday. The struggling Endsleigh Insurance League second division club was given 28 days at a High Court hearing to pay a £252,770 debt to the Inland Revenue, after securing a loan from a local businessman.

The Revenue's counsel, Amanda Tibbles, had pressed for the club to be wound up immediately, stating that the bill, in respect of unpaid national insurance and income tax, dated back to May, 1993. Hull's counsel, Robin Hullington, accepted that the club was insolvent but claimed it would be in a position to pay the debt, through the sale of a player or players, in a reasonably short time. He claimed the value of the club's freehold property exceeded its tax liability and that it had recently received an offer of about £750,000 for a player, believed to be from Norwich City for Dean Windass, the free-scoring midfield player.

Martin Fish, the club chairman, admitted that Hull were in desperate straits. "I've no doubt that, if we have to go back, we will be dead and buried," he said after the hearing. "It was a very close run thing today, an absolutely nail-biting situation. They persisted with trying to wind us up right to the end."

The Wales international, Nathan Blake, has escaped a three-match suspension after being sent off for Sheffield United at Southend United earlier this month. The forward was dismissed by the referee, Clive Wilkes when a linesman allegedly saw him spitting at the Southend defender, Mike Lapper.

Blake, who won his fifth international cap in Wales's European championship meeting with Germany in Cardiff two weeks ago, had protested his innocence and, at his disciplinary hearing in London yesterday, was cleared of his suspension. However, the Football Association panel upheld his dismissal.

Nigel Clough, the Liverpool striker, said yesterday that he would welcome a transfer to Manchester City. The former Nottingham Forest and England striker has become a forgotten man at Anfield this season, failing to emerge from the shadow cast by the presence of Ian Rush, Robbie Fowler and Stan Collymore, and is understood to be a target for Alan Ball, the City manager.

Clough, who joined Liverpool in a £2.3 million deal from Forest in June 1993, said: "I've given it a good year or two and things haven't worked out. Hopefully if someone is interested we can work things out.

"When I arrived here, I was at my peak and an England international. Now I'm a Pontins League player who can't get in the first-team squad. I'm sure we can come to some arrangement."

It is believed that City, adrift at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership, are struggling to raise enough cash to tempt Liverpool to part with Clough. The Merseyside club is almost certain to want to recoup most of its original outlay.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, confirmed: "There has been an inquiry about Nigel — but there's been nothing since. If someone makes a reasonable offer, we would have to be sensible and think about his position. He's not getting first-team football and that's certainly not good for him."

McRae's title chase made to order

BY STEPHEN SLATER

COLIN McRAE moved a step closer yesterday to becoming the first British rally driver to reign as world champion after taking second place behind his 555 Subaru team-mate, Carlos Sainz, in the Catalonia Rally. McRae and Sainz are joint leaders of the championship with 70 points and just the Network Q RAC Rally to come next month.

But the event in Spain was accompanied by controversy after McRae had finished first. The Scot started the final day in second place, eight seconds behind Sainz, and was expected to hold his position because he had earlier agreed to team orders that would allow the Spaniard to maintain his hopes of a third world title with a win on home soil.

However, McRae stormed through the final asphalt stages, overturning Sainz's lead and finishing the last timed section with a lead of six seconds. McRae then received a one-minute time penalty by checking in early at the final checkpoint on the road section back to Lloret de Mar, handing victory to Sainz.

McRae, 27, was diplomatic about the Subaru team's strategy. "The team orders made sense. If we'd fought against one another for first place, one of us may well have pushed a little too hard and we could have lost some very valuable points in the manufacturers' championship. Now Carlos and I start the final round on equal points and it will make the Network Q RAC Rally incredibly exciting."

The RAC Rally, which McRae won last year, starts in Chester on November 19. His other leading championship rival, Juha Kankkunen, crashed on Tuesday and starts eight points adrift of McRae and Sainz in his attempt to take a fifth world title.

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Expert testimony bolsters conspiracy theory over White House counsel's death

Oxford don says Foster 'suicide note' is a forgery

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE torn-up "suicide note" discovered in Vincent Foster's briefcase after the deputy White House counsel's death was a forgery, a leading British handwriting expert and Oxford don testified in Washington yesterday.

Reginald Alton, emeritus fellow and dean of degrees at St Edmund Hall, told a press conference that there was a "vast difference" between the note and a dozen other samples of the former aide's handwriting.

"I am as convinced as I can be from photocopies" that the note was a fake, said Dr Alton, a former chairman of Oxford's English faculty, who developed his expertise over 30 years through studying literary manuscripts. He suggested that the note was the work of a "moderate forger, not necessarily a professional, somebody who could forge a cheque or a pass in a prison camp".

The Senate Whitewater committee was yesterday preparing to subpoena the White House for telephone records and other documents that senators believed would show whether Hillary Clinton and her aides sought to obstruct the police investigation into Foster's death.

Dr Alton was one of three handwriting experts commissioned by a financial newsletter, *Strategic Investment*, to compare the note with the authenticated samples of Foster's handwriting. All three insisted it was a forgery, but their conclusion runs directly counter to statements by Foster's widow, Lisa. Mrs Foster told *The New Yorker* magazine last summer that her husband wrote the note at her request one evening a few weeks before his death in July, 1993. He felt he was failing in his job, and she had urged him to set down the reasons why he was not to blame for some of the Clinton Administration's early mishaps.

The experts' conclusions will nonetheless give further ammunition to the conspiracy theorists — mostly inter-connected conservatives ideologically hostile to the Clinton Administration — who refuse to accept the official line that Foster shot himself in a suburban Virginia park because he was depressed. They have contended that Foster, an old Arkansas friend of the Clintons who had been working on the Whitewater affair, was either murdered or killed himself elsewhere, and that his body was dumped in the park.

James Dale Davidson, the newsletter's editor, said he was passing the three experts' conclusions to Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, and to congressional Whitewater committees. He said he approached Dr Alton because he had "no axe to grind", and there was now "very clear evidence of obstruction of justice in a case that could well be a murder case" involving a very high-ranking government official.

The note, in which Foster expressed his loathing of Washington but did not explicitly talk of suicide, has long been one of the conspiracy theorists' prime exhibits.

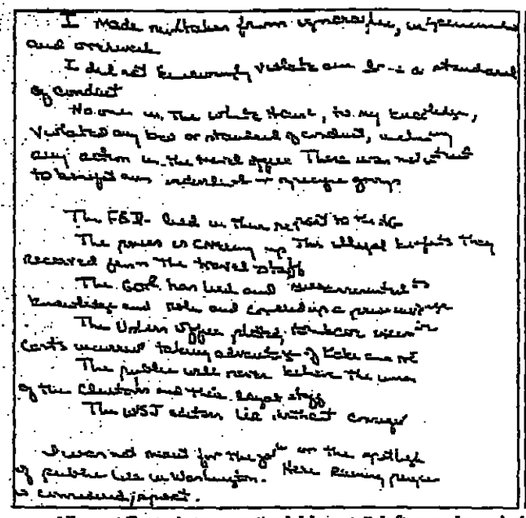
Senior White House aides failed to find it when they searched Foster's office on the night of his death. A police officer has testified on Capitol Hill that he watched Bernard Nussbaum, the White House counsel, inspect Foster's briefcase two days later and it would have been "impossible for him to have missed the note". It was four more days before a White House lawyer suddenly discovered it in the bottom of the briefcase.

The note was written on a sheet of yellow legal paper that had been torn into 28 pieces. One piece was missing and no fingerprints were found on any of the rest. Tearing up a forged document was "a way of obscuring the things one is looking for," said Dr Alton. The other two forensic handwriting experts, a Boston private investigator named Ronald Rice and a former New York homicide detective named Vincent Scalice, said police and FBI examiners breached federal regulations by comparing the note to just one other example of Foster's handwriting.

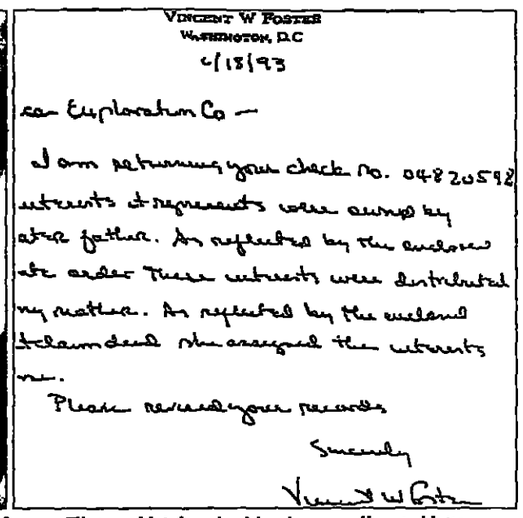
☐ **The "suicide note" says:** "I made mistakes from ignorance, inexperience and overwork. I did not knowingly violate any law or standard of conduct. No one in the White House, to my knowledge, violated any law or standard of conduct, including any action in the travel office. There was no intent to benefit any individual or specific group.

"The FBI lied in their report to the AG. The press is covering up the illegal benefits they received from the travel staff. The GOP has lied and misrepresented its knowledge and role and covered up a prior investigation. The Ushers Office plotted to have excessive costs incurred, taking advantage of Kaki and HRC. The public will never believe the innocence of the Clintons and their loyal staff. The WSJ editors lie without consequence.

"I was not meant for the job or the spotlight of public life in Washington. Here ruining people is considered sport."







Vincent Foster's torn-up "suicide note", left, now branded a fake by an independent British expert, and a sample of the former Clinton aide's handwriting in an undisputed letter

Secret French report reveals cruel deaths of exploding fish

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

AN ALARMING picture of the environmental damage caused by underground nuclear testing in the South Pacific emerged yesterday in a confidential report commissioned by the French Army.

The disclosures confirm severe fracturing of the rock beneath Mururoa atoll, where the tests are being carried out, and reveal that fish within a mile-and-a-quarter radius suffer a cruel death as their bodies explode from the impact of the compression wave caused by a detonation.

The French government report, obtained and published by *The Sydney Morning Herald*, also refers to damage caused by the secondary effects of the underground explosions, including sedimentation which destroys the marine environment. In an unambiguous assessment, it states: "The underground tests have caused a degradation of the sub-strata more considerable than in the case of above-ground tests." As evidence, a photograph shows severe fracturing of the rock beneath the Mururoa lagoon.

The study's results contradict statements made by President Chirac who has always insisted that the environment is not damaged or marine life destroyed by the French underground explosions, resumed earlier this year.

The findings will, however, add fuel to a campaign announced on Monday by Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, in which Canberra plans to spearhead an international drive to eliminate nuclear arms.

Brindisi: Greenpeace activists accused French commandos of committing an "act of war" off Italy when they boarded the *Altair* and threw teargas grenades on the bridge, after a protest against French nuclear testing. *(Reuter)*

Mbeki outrages police with prostitute claim

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

THABO MBEKI, South Africa's First Deputy President, has outraged members of the national police force after he claimed that some policewomen were working as prostitutes to supplement their incomes.

Mr Mbeki's allegation was made during an interview on national radio during which he said that the Government was looking at improving the salaries and working conditions of the police.

His remarks have baffled the office of the Police Commissioner, George Fivaz, which said it was not aware of any reports of policewomen engaging in prostitution. A spokesman for the commissioner said they recognised that police received low salaries "but this should not be a passport to prostitution which is a criminal offence".

Warrant Officer Andy Pieke of the Witwatersrand police, which covers Johannesburg, said police appreciated politicians highlighting the problem of poor salaries but insisted that only policewomen working undercover would pose as prostitutes. One policewoman said there had been a case more than a year ago but she had not heard of any others.

Earlier this year, Mr Mbeki was nicknamed "Mr Fluffit" by a South African newspaper because of his notorious public gaffes.

Jubilant Perot says party is eligible for California poll



Perot: 100,000 names registered in 18 days

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ROSS PEROT appeared to have surmounted the first obstacle to forming his new third party yesterday by meeting California's tough conditions for acceptance on the state's 1996 presidential ballot.

The Texas billionaire had only 18 days after announcing his plans for the Independence Party to persuade 89,007 Californians to register as members. By Tuesday night's deadline, election officials had received approximately 100,000 registrations and started validation.

"It's done," said Mr Perot, who spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on the effort. "The people of California did in 18 days what normally takes two years to do."

Mr Perot's apparent success in California was bad news for Republicans because most of his supporters defect from the Grand Old Party. The Republicans also face a rift over the potential candidacy of General Colin Powell, the retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A growing number see him as the only man capable of beating President Clinton, but on Tuesday night the American Conservative Union, which claims more than a million members, said he was "unacceptable". Doubts have also been voiced by the Christian Coalition.

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Meciar: dirty tricks

Slovak leader warned

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE European Union and the United States, in an unprecedented warning to an East European government, have told Vladimir Meciar, the Prime Minister of Slovakia, that unless he stops harassing the opposition and using dirty tricks against President Kovac, Slovakia will no longer be considered for EU membership.

EU ministers yesterday joined in expressing "serious concern" as the warning came after the kidnapping of President Kovac's son, allegedly by the Slovak intelligence service, and the relentless campaign to force the President from office. All civil servants in Slovakia were instructed recently to sign letters calling for Mr Kovac's resignation.

The American Embassy in Bratislava also said that President Clinton was concerned at events in the former eastern half of Czechoslovakia.

Last year the EU condemned Mr Meciar for seizing control of the state radio and television, and the state intelligence agency. Since then, the Prime Minister, engaged in a political feud with Mr Kovac, has tried to declare the election of opposition deputies invalid and he has spearheaded a campaign of harassment.

Russians in Bosnia to be independent of Nato allies

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK
AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE United States and Russia are working on a formula that would allow Russian troops to work independently of Nato in Bosnia-Herzegovina, by assigning them specific tasks such as mine-clearing and bridge-building.

Diplomats say that follow-up discussions on the proposal have been held since Monday's meeting between President Clinton and President Yeltsin. The plan will be the main topic of tomorrow's talks in Washington between their two countries' defence ministers, William Perry and Pavel Grachev.

The idea is to give Russian peacekeepers an independent role outside the command structure of the 60,000-strong Nato force that would move into the Balkans if there is a peace agreement. Rather than assign Russian peacekeepers to a particular zone, such as Serb-held areas, the plan would give them specific responsibilities.

Diplomats say Russian troops are well-equipped to undertake such tasks as mine-clearing, engineering and airlifts, which will form part of any international effort to implement a peace accord.

The proposal would satisfy Moscow's insistence that Russian troops not be placed under Nato command because the Russian troops would operate under a specific mandate of the UN Security Council — either under their own flag or that of the UN.

An earlier option under consideration was for the Russians to work with the French, who are not part of Nato's integrated military structure. While the overall operation would remain under the command of an American Nato general, the Russian commanders would ultimately answer directly to Moscow.

Certainly, it has become clear that the Russians' initial offer to send 20,000 combat troops is out of the question. Although the Russian military has up to two million men under arms, few are adequately trained for the delicate work required in Bosnia and most frontline troops are already serving in Chechenia or Tajikistan.

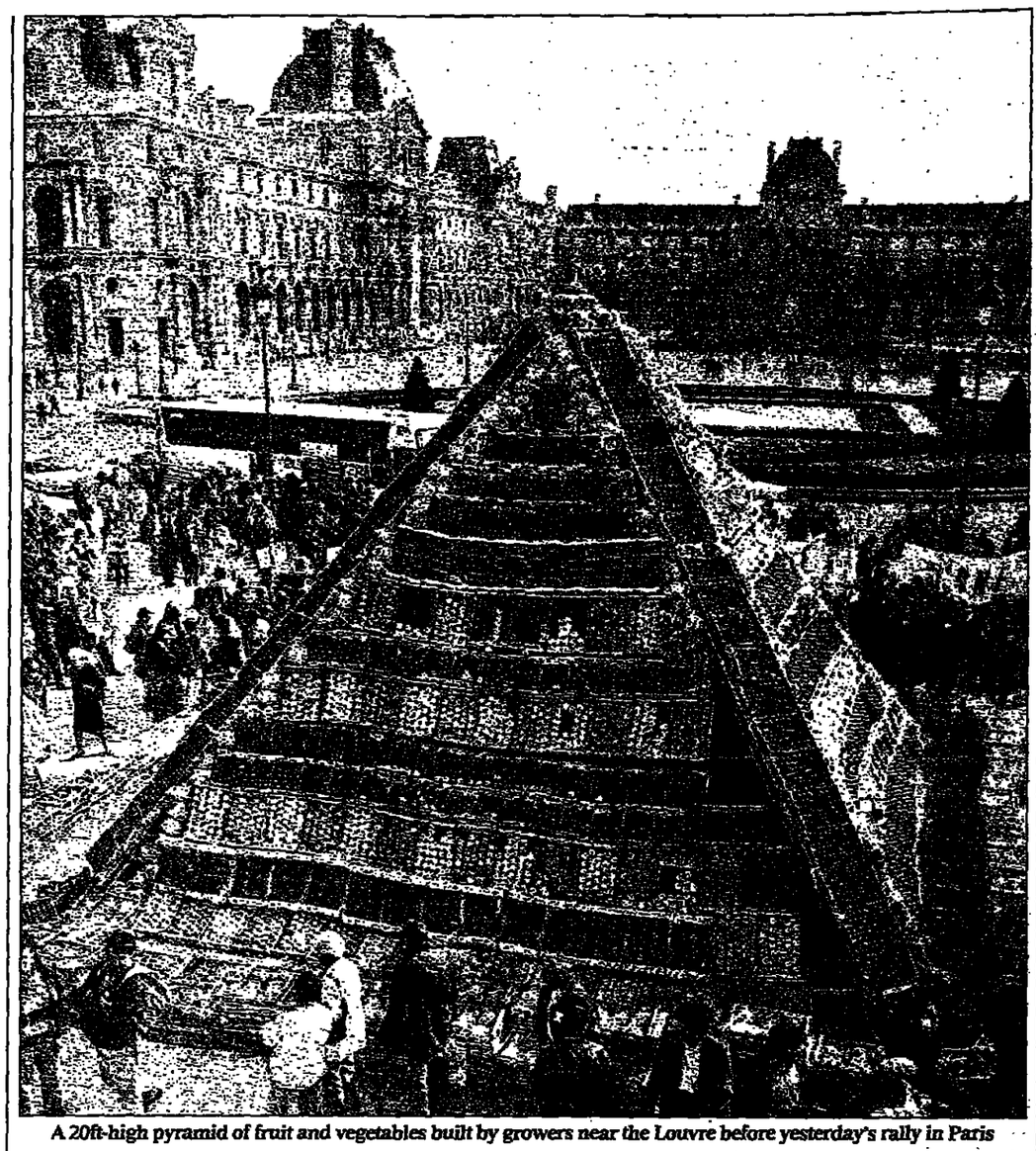
Meanwhile, the leaders of Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia will attend an historic Balkans summit in Moscow next week before the first round of peace negotiations on the former Yugoslavia scheduled to take place in America at the beginning of next month.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman in Moscow said that President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, President Tudjman of Croatia and President Milosevic of Serbia would receive Mr Yeltsin's personal endorsement for their negotiations.

The meeting seems to be the result of the Russian leader's discussions earlier this week with Mr Clinton. The Americans have decided to share with the Russian leader some of the favourable publicity surrounding the opening of peace negotiations, in return for winning Russia's support for the process.

"Everybody wants the Russians on board for the peace plan," said one Western diplomat. "If they are left outside it could create problems further down the line."

☐ **Zagreb:** The remains of 11 Croat civilians murdered by rebel Serbs were found in a deserted house in Siroka Kula, in an area of Croatia recently recaptured from the Serbs, a Croatian official said yesterday. *(Reuter)*



A 20ft-high pyramid of fruit and vegetables built by growers near the Louvre before yesterday's rally in Paris

French farmers protest over imports

FROM REUTER
IN PARIS

ANGRY French farmers demonstrated in Paris yesterday against cheaper imported produce and supermarket chains that drive down prices. A key part of the protest was a 20ft pile of fruit and vegetables outside the Louvre on Monday, mimicking the museum's steel and glass entrance pyramid.

"They fix prices so low that we can't cover our costs. They have a buying monopoly and we have to go through them," said a tomato producer from the south, who declined to give her name for fear of annoying her distributor.

Others said that they could not compete with imports because of labour costs and currency fluctuations. "We can't go on like this. Many people near us are going out of business," Veronique Viltart, a vegetable producer from Picardy, said.

☐ **Rail chaos:** France endured another day of travel turmoil yesterday after a one-day strike by rail workers reduced services in some areas to a third of normal capacity (Ben Macintyre writes).

Unlike the nationwide public sector workers' strike earlier this month, central Paris escaped largely unscathed, but services were disrupted badly on high-speed TGV lines, inter-city links and suburban trains. The London-Paris Eurostar service was unaffected.

Five SNCF unions seek wage rises amid fears of cuts to the loss-making network and jobs over the next four years.

Paris hails 'le charme' of Chirac's English

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

UNTIL last Monday no French President had dared, or deigned, to conduct a television interview in English, but Jacques Chirac's chat with the American talk-show host Larry King this week broke a presidential tradition of sticking resolutely to the mother tongue.

French reaction to this departure from convention was mixed: some critics accused the President of appealing to international opinion by choosing to announce the scaling back of French nuclear tests in English on an American television programme. Others saw M Chirac's interview on the CNN network as yet another sign that French is being swamped gradually by the English, or rather American language.

Most newspapers yesterday applauded the President's unprecedented foray into English. "Jacques Chirac is an exceptionally able communicator," *Le Quotidien* said. "By adopting the language of Shakespeare, he has sought direct contact with America."

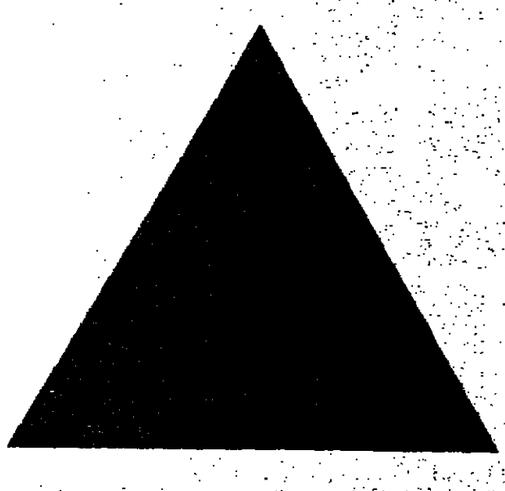
The tabloid *France Soir* spoke glowingly of "*le charme de l'accent frenchy*" and noted: "The diehard defenders of the French language have lost a battle. Tough on them."

It is hard to imagine General Charles de Gaulle sitting comfortably, as M Chirac did on Monday, while Mr King in his multi-coloured tie announced chirpily: "Now, the President of France. Tomorrow, Mario Cuomo and Tony Bennett." M Chirac picked up the language during a sojourn in America, when he worked as a motel dishwasher and a chauffeur. He also courted the daughter of a South Carolina senator, so for M Chirac French may not be the first language of love.

"Thank you, Larry, and see you soon," the French President told the unctuous and all-powerful Mr King. Mario Cuomo or Tony Bennett could not have said it better.



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Santer warns environment commissioner of severe consequences

EU's 'Ice Maiden' stops publication of indiscreet diary

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

RITT BJERREGAARD, Denmark's outspoken European Commissioner for the Environment, retreated in the face of a storm over her indiscretions yesterday and halted the publication of a Brussels diary in which she lambasts European leaders and fellow Eurocrats.

In what Danes called the nearest to an apology that the pugnacious Mrs Bjerregaard has ever made in a long political career, she said: "Good friends have felt abused and deceived and colleagues have felt that I was overstepping some limits. This I regret very much."

Her costly decision to scrap *The Commissioner's Diary* only three days before it was to reach the shops followed a warning from Jacques Santer, President of the Commission, that she risked severe consequences if she went ahead with publication of her impressions of her first six months in the job this year.

On Tuesday, seated alongside Mrs Bjerregaard, Mr Santer had been subjected to embarrassing questions on the book, which treats him unfavourably, along with many other European leaders. Although the President has no power to sack a commissioner, he could have removed her environment portfolio and assigned her another subject.

Mr Santer was credited in Brussels yesterday for standing up to the formidable Social Democrat politician who has made provocation her stock-in-trade. "He is a genial soul, but he saw he really had to put his foot down," a senior official said of the former Prime Minister of Luxembourg.

Mrs Bjerregaard, 54, whose uncompromising behaviour earned her the nickname of "Ice Maiden", said she had intended to contribute to the "public Danish debate" by penning her impressions, but the effort had backfired.

Out of context, the extracts published this week had misrepresented her views, she said. "In the first instance the aim was to enhance public understanding of the work of the EU but in fact this has had the opposite effect. Many will say that it is too late and that the damage is done. Unfortunately, I cannot change that but I can try to limit the damage."

While some officials lamented the mockery which Mrs Bjerregaard's observations had inflicted on the Commission, it was thought that she was the main victim. "She had already distanced herself from her colleagues and now she has lost whatever credibility she had left," said one.

Mrs Bjerregaard's bleak views of President Chirac, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, may not cause her as much trouble as her home truths about her 19 colleagues.

Commission spokesmen were at pains to distinguish between Mrs Bjerregaard's now defunct oeuvre and the conduct of Bernard Connolly, the British monetary official at the Commission who has been suspended after writing a book denouncing monetary union. Mr Connolly was a Commission civil servant who was bound by staff regulations demanding discretion. Mr Connolly is expected to be called before a disciplinary tribunal later in the year.



Ritt Bjerregaard listens to questions from the press in Strasbourg yesterday

Kohl and Chirac dine out on EMU

FROM MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, last night used a sumptuous Rhine dinner to impress President Chirac on his first visit to Germany since becoming President of France, while urging him to keep up the momentum of European integration.

However, on the eve of the visit, Michel Barnier, the French European Affairs Minister, reminded France that its conduct in monetary union talks was pivotal in determining Germany's role in economic and monetary union.

In an interview with *Les Echos*, M Barnier warned France that unless it acted responsibly the Germans would drift away from Europe and the EMU project would collapse. He said: "Whether Germany remains in solidarity or becomes solitary again depends on us."

Setting the tone for last night's informal talks in advance of a full Franco-German summit in Baden-Baden on December 7, M Barnier gave assurances that the French President was indeed committed to the timetable for a single currency by 1999.

But the Germans are not convinced, and Herr Kohl was expected to press home this point. There are concerns that France is unwilling to make the budget deficit amendments needed to join a single currency.

"With [former President] Mitterrand, even though there were differences at first, there was a predictability, a familiarity for Kohl. But now he feels he is unable to judge the French or Chirac," one European diplomat closely involved in Franco-German relations explained.

"He will want to use the occasion to establish a working relationship with Chirac so that he doesn't get any nasty surprises in the future."

Two thorny issues that Herr Kohl is likely to bring up are how displeased the German public is about the French nuclear tests in the South Pacific and M Chirac's decision to delay implementing the Schengen open-border pact beyond January 1996.

Nato casts shadow on Walesa election battle

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

ON THE pillars of Salvation Square in central Warsaw, presidential election posters announce: "Walesa knows the whole world!"

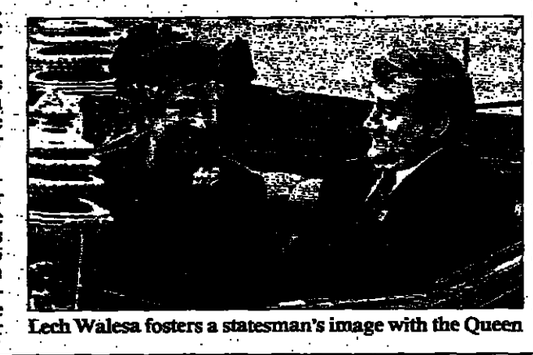
The former Solidarity leader is pictured with the Queen (a worried-looking Douglas Hurd in the background), kneeling at the feet of the Pope, laughing with President Clinton, and dwarfed by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor.

Fortunately there is no photograph with Willy Claes. Nato membership is the one issue on which all the candidates for the Polish presidency are agreed. "We want in as quickly as possible," says a Polish diplomat — and there are no votes to be won for being an alliance critic.

Even the former Communist candidate, Aleksander Kwasniewski, who may give President Walesa a run for his money in the November 5 ballot, is in favour, albeit with cooing reassurances to Moscow. Yet there is unease in the Polish political class. Mr Claes was no friend of Poland, but any change at the top of Nato could weaken its resolve to expand. President Yeltsin insists that eastward enlargement is unwelcome.

Western politicians visiting Warsaw are more mealy mouthed about Nato entry than they were a year ago. The mood seems to have swung against early admission of the Central Europeans, not only because of Duma elections in December and Russian presidential elections next summer.

In the United States, the resistance seems to be growing apace: British MPs from both sides of the House have been hinting to the Poles that they are less enthusiastic than John Major's Government about enlargement. The rhetorical question — are we (the Americans, the British, the French) ready to die for Bratislava or Gdansk — hangs over Poland.



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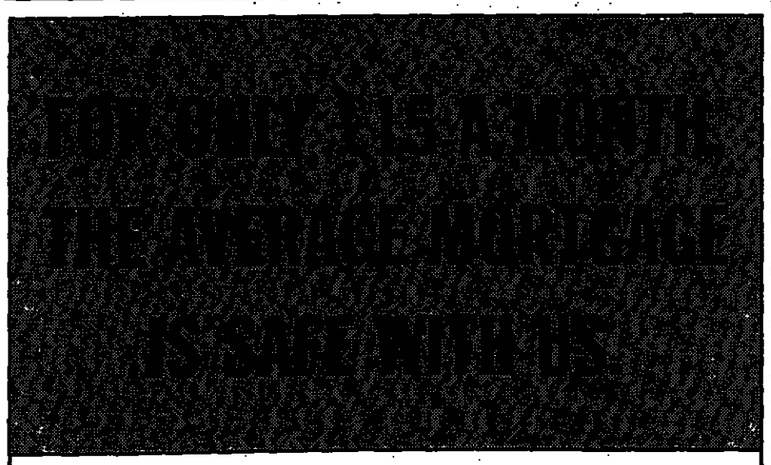
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THE clue to my 50-year-old patient's gynaecological problems did not stem, as is often the case, from childbearing, for she had no children, but in her double-jointed thumbs which caught my attention as she told her story.

My patient's symptoms were straightforward. She had stress incontinence; laughing, coughing, playing tennis, even carrying a heavy shopping bag caused a small leak of urine, the cumulative effects of which could be embarrassing by the end of the day.

Coupled with these troubles was a frequency of urination and some other symptoms of cystitis, including discomfort and a burning sensation when passing urine. The patient now sought help because she had a feeling of "something coming down".

A diagnosis of a prolapsed uterus was probable even before she was examined, for not only did she have the other classic symptoms (incontinence, bladder infections, and backache) but she was at an age when they start to become insufferable.

At the menopause, women not on hormone replacement therapy begin to notice genital atrophy, which often exacerbates a prolapse to a point when the discomfort it produces is no longer acceptable.

The only slightly unusual feature of this case was that the woman had not had any children and was slim. Typically the patient has either had a large family, or a difficult delivery, is overweight and overworked.

All these factors can overstretch a weakened pelvic floor, the muscle shelf which completes the pelvic girdle, and thereby allow the genital tract to herniate through it so that, in severe cases, the uterus can appear at, or even beyond, the vaginal opening when the patient stands.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Prolapse can occur in women who have not had children and is thought to be caused by a weakness in the pelvic floor. Earlier this year, research was published in the *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology* which could well apply to my patient.

The research linked prolapse with hypermobility of the thumb and wrist, little finger and elbow. Those women who were so double-jointed that they could touch their arms with their thumbs when their wrists were bent forwards and whose elbow joints were so mobile that when the arm was straightened it was angled backwards by at least ten degrees, were more than three times more likely to have trouble from a prolapse than their stiff-jointed sisters.

The weakness in these cases, where there is an association between hypermobile joints and weaknesses of the pelvic floor, may be due to defective collagen giving rise to easily stretched connective tissue of the ligaments which normally hold the uterus in position, and to the muscles which give the pelvic floor its strength.

So far as the authors are aware, there has been no study of a possible association of prolapse with two conditions, Marfan's syndrome and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, in which defective collagen results in hyperelasticity of the skin and hypermobility of the joints.

Early warning



RESEARCHERS have recently made considerable progress in investigating the origins of insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus. A study reported in the magazine *General Practitioner* last month showed that this disease was more common in later life in those whose early childhood had been spent in the countryside.

The assumption is that the rural children had less contact with their peers at an age when they still had some of their mother's resistance to infection. This double protection meant that they tended to catch viral diseases not in the first months of life but later when any immunity they might have acquired from their mother was lost. It is thought that the viruses gave rise to infection triggering the auto-immune response which is probably the basic cause of insulin-dependent diabetes.

Another Swedish research project shows that an upheaval in life when under two can also lead susceptible people to develop insulin-dependent diabetes. The research, published in *Diabetes Care*, analyses the early life of 67 children aged under 15 with diabetes and compares them to a similar group of healthy children.

The study found that those who had suffered a stressful event such as the separation of parents, serious illness, the hospital treatment of a parent, death of a close family member, or moving house more than twice in the first two years were almost twice as likely to develop diabetes in adolescence.

Drug advice

IT was clearly shown by research published last year in *The* [illegible] that patients [illegible] a history of [illegible] nary heart [illegible] and raise [illegible] cholesterol might well [illegible] from treatment with [illegible] simvastatin, a cholesterol-lowering drug.

Treatment with Zocor achieved a 25 per cent reduction in cholesterol levels and a 37 per cent reduction in mortality.

Despite this convincing evidence from Scandinavia, there has been some reluctance by doctors to treat patients with the drug, possibly because of the cost.

Pulse magazine reports that the Oxford health authorities have taken a lead by recommending to all GPs in their area that they should prescribe a cholesterol-lowering drug for patients with angina, or those who had a previous heart attack, who also have a blood cholesterol level of between 5.5mmol/l.

Dr Godfrey Fowler, a prominent Oxford GP and Reader in General Practice at Oxford University, is quoted as saying that the use of cholesterol-lowering drugs in these cases had been shown to be just as sensible as persuading patients to stop smoking.

Zocor is relatively free of serious [illegible] effects but the development of [illegible] weakness can make it [illegible] stop taking the drug.

Peril in a swollen leg

Women on the Pill are warned about deep vein thrombosis, but they are not the group most at risk



Dr TRISHA GREENHALGH

When I was a house officer, a 23-year-old woman was brought into casualty with a badly sprained ankle. The X-ray showed a hairline crack in the fibula bone, so her leg was put into plaster. At her follow-up appointment she mentioned that the plaster felt tight and that she had had pain in her calf for five days.

My consultant immediately ordered the removal of her cast and tests confirmed a deep venous thrombosis (DVT). Apart from the plaster, her only risk factor was the contraceptive pill.

Although there has been much publicity in the past week about the increased risk of DVT for women taking certain brands of oral contraceptive, those most at risk are not these young women, but patients who have just undergone surgery, especially abdominal, gynaecological or groin surgery. If they are also over 40 and overweight, that increases the dangers.

Being immobilised for other reasons, whether on a long air journey, or through injury or illness, is the other main risk. This is why patients are made to get up very soon after an operation and why leg exercises are recommended for long-haul passengers.

Unless one of these risk factors applies, women unfortunate enough to suffer deep vein thrombosis because of the Pill have blood that has too great a tendency to clot — either because of an inherited excess of one of the clotting factors or a deficiency in natural clotbusters. Only if they have a strong family history of DVT will they be aware of their greatly increased risk of thrombosis.

The notes accompanying all combined oral contraceptives warn women to stop taking the Pill immediately and see their doctor if they experience sudden pain in the calf. In fact, calf pain is a poor predictor of DVT, and more commonly reflects either a strained muscle, internal bruising from a burst blood vessel, or a ruptured sac of fluid at the back of the knee (Baker's cyst). Since the drugs which are the mainstay of treatment for true DVT make all these conditions worse, any severe calf pain should be confirmed by radiological tests before treatment begins.

The most reliable feature of a DVT is not pain but swelling of the calf and foot, owing to damming-up of fluid downstream of the clot. As a hospital registrar, I carried a tape measure. Patients with suspected DVT had the circumference of both calves measured at a fixed distance from the kneecap; a discrepancy of more than two centimetres meant a DVT until proved otherwise. Swelling of the thigh was a serious omen, since it implied that the clot had spread extensively and there was a substantial risk of embolism — fragments of clot breaking off and being carried in the blood until they lodge in small arteries, commonly in the lungs.

Suspected DVTs have traditionally been confirmed or excluded by performing a venogram — injecting dye into the veins in the feet and looking for a defect on an X-ray. This technique is still widely used, but it is unpleasant and not 100 per cent reliable. In particular, clots in the deepest calf veins and the groin can be missed, and false-positive results may occur when a vein is kinked or compressed from outside.

Radionuclide venography — the injection of radioactive isotopes with a homing instinct for clots — was once thought to offer significant advantages over traditional venography, but its false-negative rate is high. In one survey, reported in the latest issue of the *British Journal of Clinical Practice*, 9 per cent of 165 patients suspected of DVT but classed as normal by radionuclide venography went on to have a further thrombosis in the next three months, and four died of pulmonary embolism.

Ultrasound scanning (similar to the procedure performed in pregnancy) is non-invasive and can confirm or exclude alternative diagnoses, such as a ruptured Baker's cyst.

Between 2 and 5 per cent of DVTs — usually those left untreated for several days — produce life-threatening pulmonary embolism. A large embolus in one of the major lung vessels is generally fatal, producing similar symptoms to a heart attack (central chest pain, breathlessness and collapse), followed rapidly by unconsciousness.

Smaller clots can mimic pleurisy (needle-sharp pain on one side of the chest, worse on taking a deep breath) or asthma (rapid, shallow breathing with a sensation of inadequate air intake), and may cause the patient to cough up blood. Any pulmonary embolus, even a tiny one, is an emergency, since extension of the clot could cause death within minutes.

Both DVT and pulmonary embolism require several weeks of treatment with blood-thinning drugs, usually beginning with heparin given by intravenous infusion or injection. After a week the patient is switched to warfarin, the active ingredient of rat poison, which interferes with the action of vitamin K in promoting clotting factor formation by the liver.

Too much heparin or warfarin greatly increases the risk of severe bleeding, including prolonged nosebleeds, bleeding into the gut and behind the eye, and haemorrhagic stroke. For this reason, patients must have blood tests at least once a month (and sometimes daily). Haematologists pay close attention to the various tests — such as the time taken for freshly-drawn blood to clot in a glass test-tube — a measure immortalised in the words of Professor Lancelot Spratt in *Doctor in the House*: "What's the bleeding time?"

For patients who have survived a thrombosis or pulmonary embolism, all the known risk factors must be avoided to prevent a recurrence. The combined oral contraceptive should be stopped, immediately and for ever; blood-thinning drugs should be taken whenever the legs are immobilised (such as after a fracture), and prolonged air flights avoided if possible.

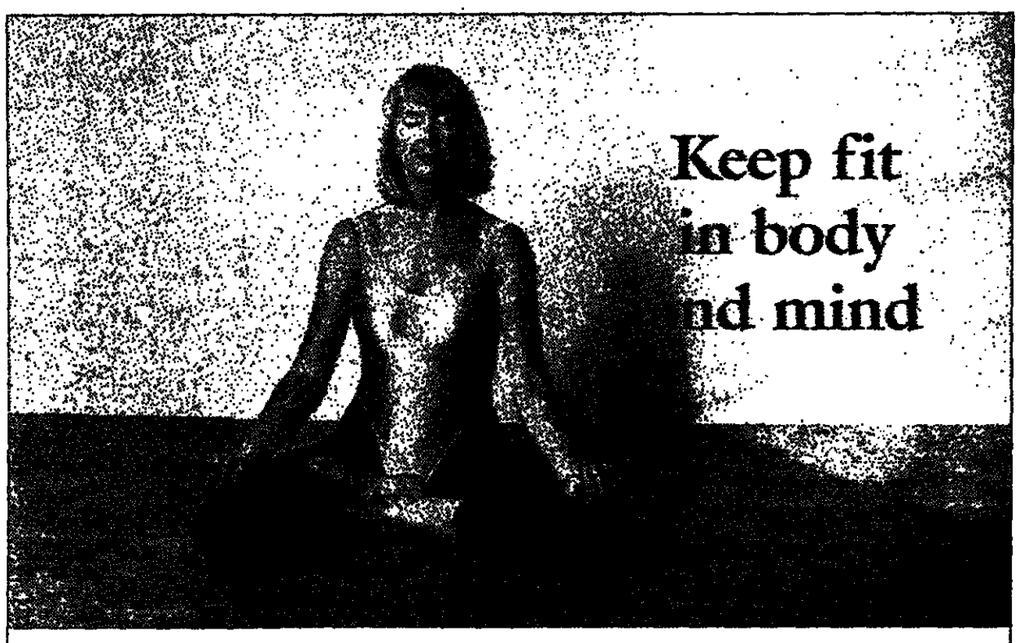
Blood tests performed after the three-month course of warfarin has finished can detect inherited or acquired clotting factor defects, and if these are found, warfarin treatment should generally continue for life. People unfortunate enough to experience further deep vein thrombosis while taking anticoagulants require more drastic measures, and may be offered an operation to insert a filter, which acts like a tea-strainer, in the main vein bringing blood back to the heart.



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An illustration of how deep vein thrombosis has led to the formation of a blood clot in a subsidiary vein, increasing the danger of pulmonary embolism

- Abdominal, gynaecological or groin surgery
- Immobilisation, eg fracture, bedridden, long journey
- Over 40 and overweight
- Blood disorder leading to increased clotting
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Sharon Stone wears her French Order of Arts and Letters

How Sharon and Kevin became chic

French civilisation is buckling in the face of an onslaught of Anglo-American trash culture. **Kate Muir** reports from Paris

French civilisation suffered a double blow this week. First, the American actress Sharon Stone was made a Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters by the French Minister of Culture. Secondly, the chart of the most popular boys' names in the country was issued. The winner was Kevin.

For a country desperately trying to maintain its national identity against the onslaught of foreign trash culture, these are two quite unnecessary self-inflicted wounds. How can the beleaguered French Academy continue its daily struggle to keep the language and culture pure?

Looking positively rapturous as he pinned the medal on Ms Stone's breast "in the name of the President of the Republic", the Culture Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy told her: "You are an absolute star. Thank you for making daily life seem a bit less routine." This was clearly a reference to Ms Stone's "services to world culture", and nothing to do with the minister's fond memories of her audacious underdressed scene in the film *Basic Instinct*.

The French themselves were not exactly bowled over by the honouring of Ms Stone. "Douste-Blazy must think the icepick is a symbol of high culture," sniffed *France Soir*, referring to the instrument with which Ms Stone mid-coitally stabbed her lovers in *Basic Instinct*, "but that must be the reason, since Ms Stone is not known for being an ambassador for French culture abroad ... She does not speak a single word of French."

Ms Stone joins a select list of Knights of the Order of Arts and Letters, which includes Clint Eastwood, Jane Fonda, Paul Newman, Sylvester Stallone (*Rambo* was unaccountably popular in France), and Kenneth Branagh. "But 99 per cent of the awards go to French people," said the ministry.

At the awards ceremony, nobody dared mentioned Ms Stone's other treacherous act. She is at present making an American version of the celebrated 1954 Henri-Georges Clouzot film *Les Diaboliques*, in which a mistress and a wife conspire to kill an irritating husband. Stone takes the role of mistress, played by Simone Signoret in the original, and Isabelle Adjani plays the wife. In English, of course. It takes chutzpah to steal a fine French film, destroy it and then sell it back to its country of birth.

The remake is a decisive strike in what the French have called "the 100 years war" against the invasion of American cinema. French directors are desperately trying to create an anti-Hollywood trend, while behind their backs grand awards are being given to the enemy.

More disturbing still, an Americanised word such as *antihollywoodien* is required to make the complaint. The French Academy, which has been keeping the dictionary clear of Anglo-American and Franglais words for the last 300 years, just cannot win.

Besides, the academy is unable to control trends such as the wholesale embracing by the French of English names. The latest figures show 2.3 boys out of every 100 are Kevins, and that the top girl's name is Laura, but it is only a matter of time before Sharon and Tracy become chic. Surely the popularity of actors such as Kevin Costner (star of *Waterworld*) is to blame for this trend. Can we also credit Kevin Kline who recently played a splendidly hammed-up Gallic lover in *French Kiss* in a less-than-culturally-sensitive manner?

The authors of the report on baby names merely say, cryptically, that "our ears have become familiarised to English sounds". But the Anglo-Saxon name Kevin and its traditional diminutive "our Kev" do not roll off the French tongue easily.

Just as Britain suffered from a plague of Australian Kylies after *Neighbours*, imported American soap operas have had a profound influence on French parents. There are record numbers of Alisons (*Melrose Place*), Kellys (*Santa Barbara*) and Brandons (*Beverly Hills 90210*).

Of course, Britain has been completely submerged by American culture, but Anglo-Saxon attacks are less noticeable, couched in the same language. Besides, like an unhappy parent, the British cannot leave this abusive relationship with the United States. At least the French are trying to cling to their principles and patriotism.

Their problem is sabotage from within. Already American words which have not even crept into British culture are popping up in France. There was a particularly nasty example in yesterday's *Libération*: "Un Kevingate". This was a reference to Costner's mammoth expenditure in making *Waterworld*, and the actor's assumption that there was a Watergate-like conspiracy against him in the American press. If seeping Franglais was bad, creeping Kevinisation will be infinitely worse.

Jancis Robinson's vintage performance is causing a storm

'I prefer to drink wine, not talk about it'



GILES COREN

A high wind is blowing through northwest London, from Hampstead down towards Camden Town, and when Jancis Robinson opens her front door it curls round her into the hall, picking up papers from a table and blowing them in a blizzard upstairs to the bedrooms and downstairs to the kitchen, where dinner is being prepared.

It is a small storm, though, by comparison with the one Ms Robinson has been whipping up in the wine trade with her weekly BBC2 series *Jancis Robinson's Wine Course*. Many of the myths of an ancient snobbery have been shattered as part of Ms Robinson's 20-year crusade to give wine back to the people. "I prefer to drink wine, not talk about it," she has said. And yet she talks about it with great glee.

"Some of the things that people have got excited about are things I have written before," she says. "But when you say them on television more people listen."

The ten-part series devotes itself to a different grape variety each week and looks at the way it becomes wine — all over the world — in terms of history, technique, and artistry. But then there are what Ms Robinson calls the "bolt-ons", the little slots within each programme where she drops her bombs.

"There are so many misconceptions," she says. "For example, people think that 'breathe' is an active verb when applied to wine, that by opening a bottle an hour before you drink it you are actually improving its quality. But so little of the surface area is exposed to the air that it makes no difference at all. You can aerate the wine perfectly well in your glass."

Then she turns on decanting, beloved ritual of the British wine bore. "There is no point in it at all, unless there is a sediment in the bottle. In fact, you can actually *lose* some of the aromas in the process." Just as you can by serving wine too warm, for the concept of serving red wine at room temperature, she says, comes from a time when rooms were much colder than they are today.

> 'There is little point in decanting wine'

Tonight she is expecting guests, but nothing is "breathing" and nothing is being decanted. Her husband, Nicholas Landers, former owner of the Soho restaurant L'Escargot, executive producer of his wife's programmes and a restaurant reviewer, is downstairs cooking tuna and turbot in a kitchen whose wooden floor and shiny copper pots say "Hampstead" loud and clear.

Domestic bliss is interrupted only by fights between four-year-old Rose and 11-year-old William, and then between William and his 13-year-old sister Julia who comes in to complain that there is no food in the house and then carts her brother away by the ear.

While organising Rose's bath, Ms Robinson, the only British journalist to have qualified as a Master of Wine, has a go at corks. "They are superfluous stoppers. A screw top or a crown cap would be just as good, and probably better because there is less chance of deterioration. But there is a stigma attached, and people think that a non-cork closure means bad wine. It might be because I am a woman that I find struggling with a cork so annoying. I frequently fail with a corkscrew and it is infuriating that you have a bottle full of this delicious liquid that you can't get at."

Then she attacks the fashion for oakiness. "Most of the cheaper wines, even from the famous New World wine makers, are not kept in oak barrels at all. They just have a bag of oak chips chucked into the vat. If a label says 'lightly oaked' or 'oak influenced', but does not use the word 'barrel' or 'cask', then that is what has happened. The trade ought to be more frank about these things, but they remain very coy."

The combination of coyness and snobbery, which has kept good wine out of the reach of an uninitiated public, has been a target of Ms Robinson's career since her first job, in 1975, as assistant editor on *Wine and Spirit*.

"When I was at Oxford in the late 1960s and early 1970s you couldn't admit that you were interested in food and wine, it was considered frivolous. One of my friends was known as a *bon viveur* and that was considered a term of abuse."

When it became acceptable to write about such things, Ms Robinson found that her career was helped by being a woman, rather than hindered. "Women such as Jane MacQuitty and Jilly Goolden were already writing about wine, at *trade dinners the big cheeses* from France wanted to sit next to women, and there was a spate of articles about women in the wine trade in the mid-1980s.

"The only place there is still serious wine sexism is Australia, and maybe South Africa. But if you teach men and women to taste, and then test them, women will do better.

"The producer of *The Wine Programme*, back in the mid-1980s, was specifically looking for a female presenter. It was felt that a woman would come across less pompous and lecturing — and it *is* probably easier for me to smile sweetly and say that all that decanting is a lot of nonsense."

While we are debunking: "In the case of 95 per cent of wines, ageing *does no good at all. The sort of* letter I most frequently receive is one that says 'I have a bottle of Liebfraumilch which I saved from my wedding 20 years ago. What's it worth?' It is really sad that people hang on to wine like that. The fact is that very few wines under £5 will improve with age, some bottles less than £10 will get better, and only over £10 will most improve."

That said, Ms Robinson has drunk some extraordinarily old wines. "There was a bottle from 1787 that was a precursor of the Mouton-Rothschild; it was very lively and might have been rejuvenated with port. And then there was a Sauternes from the precursor of Chateau d'Yquem, which they put in the 1730s by carbon-dating the bottle. It was still great."

One feels for dinner guests choosing a bottle to take to the Landers household.

"It does break my heart when very generous people bring me a bottle that I know means more to their budget than it does to my palate. There are very good wines to be had for under £5."

Not that she buys them, of course. Her spending is confined to fine wines. But she still remembers the bottle that started everything off.

"I was at Oxford, and used to drinking Hirondelle rosés for 59p, but then a rich boyfriend took me out for dinner and ordered a bottle of 1959 Chambolle-Musigny. Suddenly I realised wine was more than just a lubrication. But it took a year out in the Lubéron to realise that wine was nothing to be ashamed of, and that it might even be what life is all about."

It was that realisation which has led Ms Robinson to take on the shibboleths that come between wine and the people: "I just want to turn the world on to wine."

And off the old rituals?

"Well, there is nothing wrong with uncorking the claret and sticking it on the sideboard for an hour, as long as you are aware that it is nothing more than a ritual. At university I read maths and philosophy, and I still retain a respect for science. Those things have been proved meaningless, and I can't help telling it like it is."

● Jancis Robinson's Wine Course is on BBC2, at 8.30pm on Fridays.

ALAN WELLER



Jancis Robinson and Rose: "Some of the things that people have got excited about are things I have written before"

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■ We will never civilise our violent children by a doctrine of indulgence and indiscipline

I can always tell when it's school half-term. My train into work is suddenly filled with shrieking children who race up and down the aisle, shouting to one another and climbing over seats which may or may not be occupied by other people.

These children are accompanied by parents — often both of them — who make no attempt whatever to control this spirited behaviour. There may be an occasional sharp word to a child about to put himself in danger, but for the most part, the adults join in the general jollity by treating the train carriage as if it were their own living room, or an extension of the infants' school classroom. The names of stations are carolled out and the landmarks of the journey explained at a volume which announces to everyone on the train that they are proudly participating parents.

And well they might be proud. They are doing precisely what a generation of child-rearing experts has advised them to do: imposing no constraints on their children's natural exuberance, making no inhibiting demands for "proper" conduct, and reinforcing positive traits such as curiosity. These particular children, having parents who are concerned enough to take them on outings, will probably not become delinquent or violent. But they may well grow up into the thoughtless, self-centred, ill-disciplined adolescents who are now the despair of so many middle-class parents. The experts will have taken their toll, but here it will be largely a matter of private disappointment — the lack of concentration and self-control which makes for chronic dissatisfaction.

The price in less fortunate circles has been much higher. And now some of the very same experts who were responsible for the permissive revolution in child-rearing are showing alarm at what they have wrought. Uninhibited indulgence and incivility make a lethal mix with apathy and ignorance. Economic blight is hard to defeat when no habits of perseverance or patience have ever been taught. There are pockets of urban life in Britain that are now ruled by tribes of pre-pubescent children who are completely beyond the control of the adult community. And what are the experts prescribing as an antidote to this nightmare? Why, more of the same.

A report — grandly styling itself "a recipe for building a non-violent society" — has been presented this week by a commission on children and violence. Convened by the Gulbenkian Foundation in the wake of the murder of James Bulger, the commission offers us the goal of a society that will be completely divested of violent behaviour. What it seeks is nothing less than the "consistent rejection of all interpersonal violence". To that end, it calls for all physical punishment of children to be *outlawed*. Which should give us a fairly clear hint that the permissive lobby has learnt nothing from the disastrous consequences of its own ideology.

The commission — among the members of which were Penelope Leach, Peter Newell (co-ordinator of the End Physical Punishment for Children campaign) and agony aunt Claire Rayner — suggests that all discipline should be positive and that children should be taught "non-violent conflict resolution". This seems to mean that they should be encouraged to talk out their differences — to settle them in the way that articulate middle-class families do. For those not fortunate enough to have this verbal facility, there can be no recourse to the kind of intuitive, principled firmness that used to be a feature of self-respecting working-class homes.

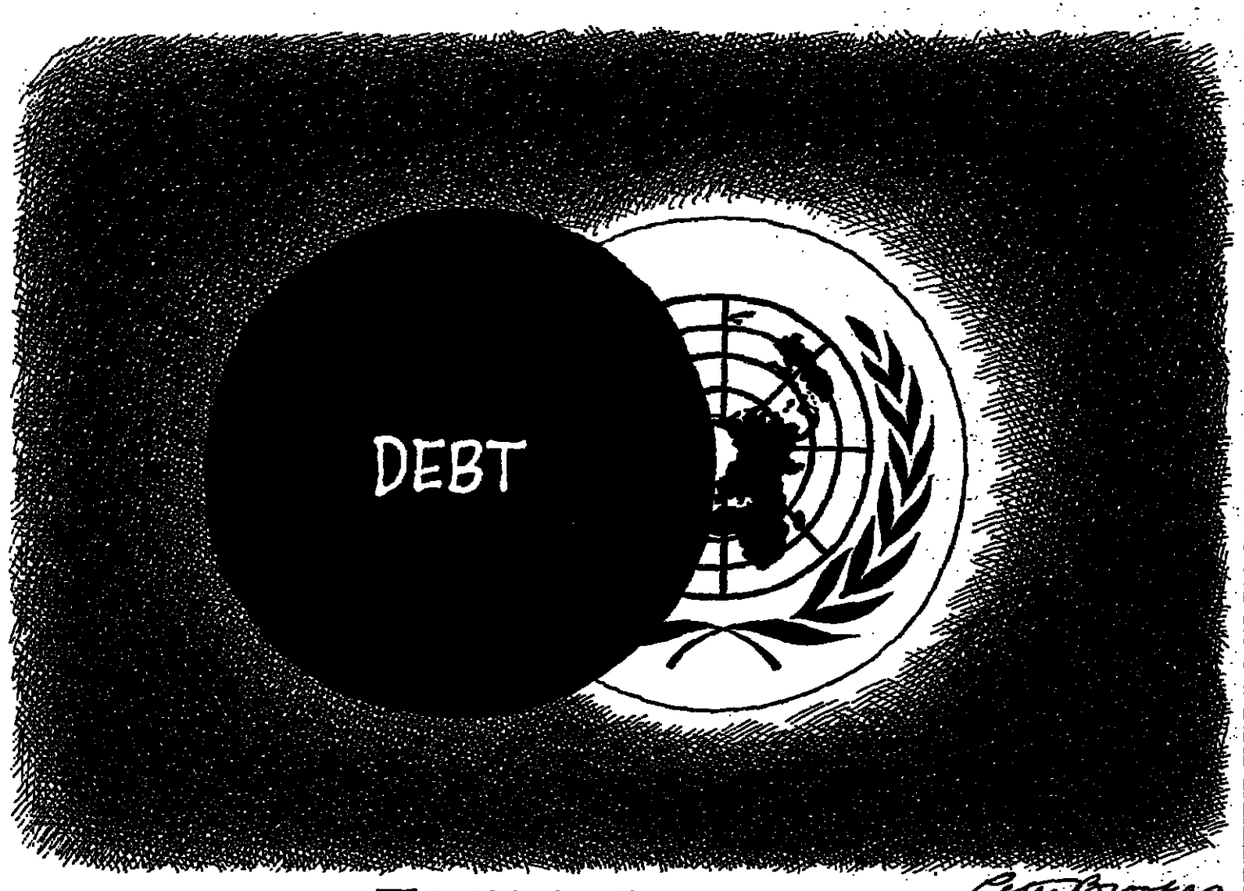
Even the mildest physical punishments are not an option, the report states firmly: "Nobody has a right to smack a child," since to do so is only to condone the aggression and violence which are now ruining society. Do these people seriously believe that smacking the hand of a five-year-old is on a continuum with sadistic beating — or even mugging? Smacking only evokes humiliation, say the experts. Yes indeed, that is what used to be called shame, and thought essential to moral education.

> Indulgence, ignorance and incivility are a lethal mix

Certainly, children reared amid real violence will probably become violent. But the present generation of abusive, feckless parents are themselves the products of a child-rearing (and schooling) philosophy that refused to teach them self-control. And this kind of advice — reinforced by such legislation as the Children Act — has undermined whatever flicker of adult confidence and conviction might have remained.

And how, exactly, would a law against all physical punishment be enforced? By a neighbourhood of informers? How ironic, given that it was the old working-class neighbourhood solidarity that used to help to uphold codes of decency.

Of course children should be rewarded for their goodness and not persecuted for their innocent faults. But aggression and selfishness are part of their natural equipment, being essential for survival. If we do not control those tendencies for them — if necessary, with physical restraint — they are unlikely ever to understand what is so terrible about a violent society.



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As medical knowledge advances, the problem of what to disclose about our chemistry becomes ever more acute

William Rees-Mogg

Do we want to know the truth, if the truth is painful and there is nothing that can be done about it? This has always been one of the hardest questions of medical ethics. The great Dr Radcliffe, Queen Anne's physician, answered it by telling his patients: "Had you called me in earlier, I would have been able to save you, but Dr X prescribed quite the wrong medicine for your case, and it is now too late for me to put right what he has done." That would nowadays be thought unethical; in his day it made him enemies in his profession, but enough in fees to build the Radcliffe Camera in Oxford.

This Tuesday, Gila Kolata reported in *The New York Times* a case which is much more typical of modern medicine. In August, Kathleen Clayton, a 51-year-old married woman from New Jersey, went to the University of Pennsylvania Medical Centre because of her high cholesterol level. She was worried that it might cause a heart attack. Dr Daniel Rader, who is the director of the lipid clinic at the centre, gave her a test to establish whether she had two copies of a gene, apo E4, which apparently increases the risk of heart disease by between 30 and 50 per cent. The test showed that Mrs Clayton did indeed have the two copies of apo E4.

While Dr Clayton was giving her this bad news, she mentioned some other troublesome symptoms that she was experiencing. She was suffering from memory lapses: "One day she was reading her Bible and found herself unable to decipher words." On another occasion, she found that she had forgotten how to add or subtract the sums in her chequebook.

Dr Rader knew that this double apo E4 does more than just threaten high cholesterol and heart disease. People with two copies of the gene also have a high risk of developing Alzheimer's disease, a higher than average risk in their fifties, and perhaps a 90 per cent risk by the age of 80. There is nothing that doctors can do to prevent or treat this onset of Alzheimer's. As Mrs Clayton was already showing symptoms of the disease, Dr Rader felt he had no choice but to tell her.

No doubt his decision was inescapable, but the result has been that Mrs Clayton is at least considering suicide. She says that she does not wish to end her life incontinent, totally dependent, unable to care for herself. She has asked her husband to tell her if she starts to behave really strangely. "That's when I want to make a choice of what to do."

The research which has created this particular doctors' dilemma is desirable in itself. There are four variants of the apo E gene: everyone inherits one copy from each parent. Apo E4 is the bad news; those who inherit apo E4 are three times as likely to develop Alzheimer's as the average person, but those who inherit two of them are six times as likely.

On the other hand, the apo E2 gene is good news; people who inherit two of them are unlikely to get Alzheimer's at all. Perhaps medical research will gain a new understanding of the Alzheimer's process itself, if it can be established why apo E4 creates a susceptibility to the disease but apo E2 protects against it. (Apparently E1 and E3 are neutral so far as Alzheimer's is concerned.)

Mrs Clayton has six sisters and a brother. Of these seven siblings, three have been tested, and none of them has proved to have two E4 genes. The other four have decided not to be tested; they do not want to know.

The link between apo E4 and Alzheimer's was first suggested only two years ago by Dr Allen D. Roses, a researcher at the Duke University School of Medicine. For some time, research has shown that injuries to the head increase the risk of Alzheimer's. Last year, following up Dr Roses' work, two studies showed that "people with apo E4 genes seem particularly at risk of Alzheimer's when they suffer blows to the head". Boxers who develop Alzheimer's have been shown to be likely to have E4.

This leads to an obvious question: should all boxers be tested for apo E4, with those who turn out to have even the single gene being refused permission to fight? Whatever view one takes of boxing, can it be right to allow people who are already three to six times more prone than average to Alzheimer's to enter a sport in which blows to the head are intentional and inevitable?

The ethical questions do not end there. Apart from the risk of Alzheimer's, the double E4 increases the risk of heart disease in a statistically significant way. If insurance companies came to know the result of these tests, would they not want to load insurance premiums? If one comes to that, is there any reason why insurance companies should not offer favourable rates to those with two apo E2 genes, who have a lower risk of heart disease and a much lower risk of Alzheimer's?

Already doctors in the United States have been asked for apo E4 tests on foetuses by pregnant women who have contemplated having E4 foetuses aborted. One has to remember that both the heart and Alzheimer risks arise largely after the age of 50. Would it be right to abort a foetus solely on the grounds that the lifespan after the age of 50 might be limited? One of the reasons why E4 has survived the process of natural selection is that the harmful effects do not arise until the normal reproductive period is over.

Should patients be tested? At present they are not tested in America for E4 on Alzheimer's grounds, but they are tested, with good reason, on the grounds of the gene's significance in heart disease. If tested, should patients be told? Many of us by now have had routine lipid tests, which probably did not include tests for the apo Es. Only medically trained people have a real understanding of what such tests show. Doctors do not have to draw disturbing results to their patients' attention if they can do nothing about them, and many do not do so. In the Clayton family, four of the eight siblings did not want to know. I suspect the know-nothing proportion would be at least as high in the population at large.

Should boxers be tested? Here the case seems stronger, perhaps overwhelming, though I am sure there will be very strong resistance. Even with a double apo E4 gene, the probability is that a baby will live a normal life into his or her fifties, and the possibility is that he or she will have a full lifespan. Perhaps those who die of heart disease are more fortunate than those who die of Alzheimer's, but that is all. A high proportion even of double apo E4 cases have life chances comparable to, though not equal with, the human norm.

Yet they are all particularly vulnerable to being hit on the head. A combination of a double E4 with boxing, or other head-banging sports, is lethal.

Such difficult problems in medical ethics are not new; they go back as far as the history of medicine itself. What is new is the growth of knowledge. Until a couple of years ago, nobody knew about the possibility of the relationship between the apo E gene and Alzheimer's disease. Now this is one of a rapidly rising number of genes identified as showing a susceptibility to one disease or another. There is a gene which transmits a heightened risk of breast cancer, and no doubt there are genes for many other cancers as well. We are already being flooded with potential knowledge, some of which will lead to new treatments and cures, but much of which will simply give the bad news — news of heightened risk. We have more knowledge than we know how to handle.

Medicine will continue to identify more and more genes which cause susceptibility to disease. Perhaps the gene for susceptibility to schizophrenia will finally be identified. But even then, medicine will not fully understand all the purposes these genes may serve. We should not forget that the gene for sickle-cell anaemia, which is such a scourge of West Africans, also confers a certain degree of immunity against malaria. We neither know the full facts of these genetic networks of causation, nor do we have an ethical consensus on how best to deal with them.

MPs' pay must be doubled

The Commons needs a boost, says Terence Higgins

Parliament faces a serious recruitment problem. Not in sheer number of candidates, but in the sense that the quality, talent and commitment of new candidates will be low. They may constitute a House of Commons unfit to do its job, or too few individuals capable of filling ministerial posts.

Members' pay, in real terms, is as low as it was when I entered the House in 1964, and has been below that level, sometimes substantially, throughout the intervening period. Meanwhile, average real incomes in the country as a whole have risen more than 80 per cent. Even more dramatic: ministers in John Major's Cabinet are paid less than half those in Harold Wilson's.

In a risky industry, the remuneration of a finance director in a medium-sized public company may well exceed £250,000, and that of the chief executive may exceed £500,000. Compare that with politics (certainly a risky business, with its unsafe seats and often short ministerial careers): the remuneration of the chief executive of Great Britain plc, the Prime Minister, is £82,003.

The plain fact is that a combination of the failure of the Top Salaries Review Body, pressure from the media, and politicians' fear of critical publicity has led to MPs' and ministers' pay falling so low as to lead to incompetent government.

But press coverage of the last increase in MPs' pay showed how difficult it is to get the warning across to the public. The increase was almost universally, but incorrectly headlined as being far in excess of inflation. The Commons has tried to find a way of dealing impartially with the problem, by linking Members' pay to that of a grade of civil servants so low that as a minister I never even came into contact with them.

Furthermore, sustained denigration in the press and media has reduced the status of MPs. The criticism of a few Members has been justified. But the overwhelming majority do a conscientious job, and despite recent reductions in unsocial hours, their average working week is much longer than would be acceptable in almost any other occupation. It is suggested that Members are not full-time MPs, because they have outside interests. I doubt whether even a handful work fewer hours at Westminster than a normal working week. And those with most outside interests are often among the most active on the floor and in committees.

Most of the controversy which gave rise to the Nolan committee inquiry centred on whether MPs working as "consultants" were being paid to promote the interests of outside organisations or to advise them. But Nolan failed to make this important distinction clear. Indeed much of the report — admittedly produced within an excessively tight timetable — is confused. It is being left to a select committee to clarify. That committee's first report has significantly improved matters, establishing a Commissioner for Standards, a new Select Committee on Standards and Privileges, and stricter rules. But more remains to be done to reassure the public.

Tightening the rules should certainly help to repair some of the damage done to the status and reputation of MPs by a few highly publicised abuses. But restrictions on outside interests — which, as Nolan agrees, help to keep the Commons in touch — will inevitably make membership of the House less attractive than at present.

We seem to be returning to the days when one needed a private income to be able to afford to be a junior minister. Good ministers are now proposing to leave the House, and ministers who have lost office are departing as soon as a general election decently allows. Why should they remain, on a backbencher's salary, after leaving ministerial office, when they can earn far more outside?

Accordingly, the select committee dealing with the Nolan report should enable the House to take steps to restore the standing of MPs, while permitting them to have legitimate outside interests.

Doubling MPs' pay and trebling ministers' pay may be enough to solve the problem, though it would scarcely restore the position of 30 years ago in relation to incomes nationally. The first step must be to convince Members themselves to face the problem and the criticism which is sure to follow. The Nolan committee enjoys remarkable prestige as an impartial body, and the question of pay should be referred to it immediately, to counteract bad publicity.

At the same time all parties should seek a consensus on pay. If the Nolan committee were to report quickly, its proposals could be debated on the understanding that agreed increases would be implemented at the start of the next Parliament, regardless of which party forms the new government. Such an agreement would help to reduce the criticism that Members are voting for their own pay increase, since a large number of present MPs will not be in the next Parliament.

Sir Terence Higgins, MP for Worthing, will be retiring from the Commons ment at the next election.

Without frills

THEY ARE changing the English at Buckingham Palace. The flowery prose of the daily Court Circular is to be pruned, because courtiers have decided it is unreadable.

No longer will guests at state functions enjoy "the honour of being received by the Queen": they will simply be received. Ambassadors to the Court of St James's are not to be described as "extraordinary and plenipotentiary" any more — just plain ambassadors.

The changes, which also mean that the occupants of carriages in state processions will not be listed, are far from welcome in some quarters — as is made clear in a letter on the page opposite. Observers of court etiquette are also dismayed. "It's crazy," says Dame Barbara Cartland, the novelist and step-grandmother of the Princess of Wales. "If we are to have a Royal Family, the whole point is that it looks like a Royal Family. People long to see royalty looking grand. I can't think what they are doing changing the Court Circular."

Buckingham Palace says the changes are designed to make the circular more appealing. "It was thought that it would be more user-friendly to change the wording," explained a spokeswoman.

But royal biographer Lady Longford applauds the decision. "I think it's high time for a change," she said. And the Campaign for Plain English is overjoyed. "It's like a breath of fresh air," says its founder Chrissie Maher. "I'm absolutely chuffed. The Prince of Wales has always been a fan of ours, you see."



Cartland: grand dame

DIARY

Shut out

LORD ROMSEY, Prince Charles's cousin and close friend, is suffering a little local difficulty in Hampshire. He is already reeling from his Lloyd's losses, and bruised by the wrath of locals over his plans for gravel-extraction and a Tesco superstore on his Broadlands estate. Now he is under fire from nearby residents of Romsey, because he has cut down the opening of his home to visitors.

Business leaders claim his decision to open Broadlands to the public for just two months a year instead of six has hit trade, which relies on tourists. "Our profits are being scraped very thin, and some people are angry about it," says a representative of the chamber of commerce. "Some businesses may even have to close. It really is very sad."

Vole position

THE CONFUSION which surrounds the correct pronunciation of Sir Charles Powell's name (it's "Pole") has now afflicted the man himself. At the Travellers Club on Tuesday night he pronounced his own name in the traditional way (rhyming with "towel"). There has clearly been too much talk in his household of General Colin Powell, whose presidential chances his wife Carla has been vociferously championing (and whose first name also causes difficulty).

Sir Charles said: "We had dinner with the general when he was over, but we didn't delve into our common ancestry. I just told my joke about him being the black sheep of the family."

● *Talking of plain English, the latest instalment from* The Daily Telegraph's *memo-writing new deputy, Sarah Sands (at present sitting out her days on London's* Evening Standard*), pulls no punches. "The comment pages of* Daily Telegraph *unattractive," she scribbles. "OP-Ed ugly to look at. Slabs of prose, and feeling work is done because you have got the pieces in. Leaders should be best in Fleet Street (right-hand page?) Then — perhaps two or three leader page pieces like* The Times."

Vulgar pad

WHAT IS good enough for the Duchess of York is good enough for the billionaire and sometime presidential candidate Ross Perot. He has been sniffing around the £8 million Bermuda mansion of impresario Robert Stigwood, where Fergie recently repaired with her daughters to take stock of her life, and to feature in *Hello!* magazine.

The 24-acre oceanside home was once put on the market for £16 million, and had no takers when offered for rent at £8,000 a day. Perot's office denies that he is in the market for it, but an agent handling the sale says he has expressed an interest.



"Eye of newt, toe of frog, M&S sandwich . . ."

Dolled up

KEN FOLLETT is doing all he can to help to enlist support for his lipstick-loving wife, Barbara, who is Labour's candidate for Stevenage. He has become a regular on the touchline at the Vauxhall Conference matches of Stevenage Borough Football Club, and has agreed to sponsor the club's manager for an unspecified sum.

His enthusiasm for the club is boundless. "He wears a scarf, hat and rosette, and comes to all the home matches and even some of the away games," says the man he sponsors, Paul Fairclough. "We are eighth in the league table, and for the first time have qualified for the first round of the FA Cup," he adds. "But I wouldn't say that is necessarily linked to Ken and Barbie."

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THE WRONG CARD

It is asylum procedures, not refugees, which should be targeted

The granting of asylum to those with a "well-founded fear of persecution" is an ancient duty with roots stretching back some 3,500 years. With more than 45 million people currently displaced or in exile around the world, and millions more on the move searching for a better life, the system is everywhere under strain. Britain, with every other nation, has a sovereign right to distinguish between refugees and economic migrants. But under the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees, the Government also has an obligation to treat each application for political asylum individually, on the basis of merit. Provisions in the new Asylum and Immigration Bill, awaited in next month's Queen's Speech, could put Britain in breach of that legal obligation. They could also sour race relations in this country.

Ministers clearly believe that the Bill will be electorally popular. In Blackpool last month, Peter Lilley clearly delighted in his Tory conference soundbite that "Britain should be a safe haven, not a soft touch" for refugees. This is populist, and xenophobic nonsense: Britain is anything but a "soft touch" for would-be refugees. The 1993 Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act already imposes conditions on asylum-seekers so stringent that they give the UN Human Rights Committee "cause for concern". Over the past decade, Britain has required ever tougher standards of proof of persecution, in the tacit hope that even genuine refugees will make some other country their destination. That appears to be the main purpose of the new Bill.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, hopes to deter asylum-seekers by issuing a "white list" of countries whose nationals would be presumed not to have a "well-founded fear of persecution". The targets are countries deemed to be "safe", but whose citizens still apply in large numbers for asylum in Britain, generally without success. Poland is an example that officials cite. Fair enough in theory: but in practice it is hard to see what impact such a list will have unless all applicants are turned down on the basis of nationality alone; and if they are, Britain will have denied their legal right to individual hearings.

Even less defensible is Mr Lilley's proposal to deny social security benefits to those who have applied for political asylum after entering this country or who are waiting for their appeals to be heard. This is probably unlawful in terms of Article 31 of the 1951 Convention. It is certainly inhumane; and it is the wrong remedy for the problem it seeks to address.

At present, all asylum-seekers in Britain are entitled to 90 per cent of national levels of income support, and to housing benefit. If they are not allowed to work, they need this to survive. Because it takes an average of 32 weeks to process their cases, however, the result is that Mr Lilley's Department of Social Security pays out £250 million a year in benefits to people whose applications for asylum are eventually rejected. But the way to cut these costs is not to pauperise innocent refugees, and their children, along with illegal immigrants: it is to speed up Britain's sluggish asylum procedures.

The Home Office now has a backlog of around 50,000 cases, some stretching back more than 18 months. Despite staff increases, the number of cases dealt with has fallen in each of the past three years, from 35,000 in 1992 to 21,000 last year. Even allowing for fair hearings at appeal, no one should be left in uncertainty for so long; and no British taxpayer should be required to underwrite inefficiency in the Home Office.

The covert racism in these proposals must be apparent to Conservative Central Office; otherwise it would surely not have felt the need to prepare the defensive guidance notes to Tory MPs which were leaked this week. These are ugly cards for ministers to be playing and will be seen as such by a majority of the British public. John Major's instinct for justice, one of his most attractive traits as Prime Minister, should warn him against laying them before the House.

THE RIGHT SIGNALS

A pragmatic tale of oil, sovereignty and the Falklands

Thirteen years after the Falklands war, a British Prime Minister has at last met an Argentine President. The meeting was cordial — even warm — and John Major did the decent thing by inviting Carlos Menem to visit him in London next year.

Señor Menem is a man with whom Britain can do business, which is why his re-election in May last year was thought to augur well for Anglo-Argentine relations. Rich proof of his pragmatism — to which Britain has responded — lies in September's agreement on the exploration for oil deposits in waters which surround the Falkland Islands. Signed in New York, the oil agreement tiptoes over the thin ice of sovereignty. Both Britain and Argentina preserve the intelligent *modus vivendi* which has marked bilateral dealings since diplomatic relations were restored in 1990: absolutely nothing in the agreement, it is asserted gravely by each side, impinges on sovereignty.

This assertion, of course, means one thing in Buenos Aires and another in London, which is why Señor Menem was attacked by his political opposition for consenting to the agreement and Mr Major was not. In Argentina, it means that claims to sovereignty have not been relinquished; in Britain, it simply means that the grip on sovereignty has not been loosened. The Argentine President's recent remarks, therefore — some of which have alarmed those paranoid about a "Malvinisation" by stealth of the Falklands — need to be read in the context of Argentina's fractious politics.

"It is the best achievement in 163 years, since our islands were usurped," Señor Menem has declared vividly to his compatriots. Of course it is: they have, for the first time, a contractual stake in resources that lie in British waters, and a framework for joint exploration in those waters that might betray an overlap of jurisdiction. It does not follow, however, in spite of Señor Menem's domestic declaration to that effect, that the agreement "is the first real, legal step forward in Argentina's permanent struggle to regain sovereignty". It is nothing of the sort.

The Foreign Office is alert to the Argentine gallery, and to Señor Menem's need to play to it. The President has been criticised, in some quarters bitterly, by the country's opposition parties. The former President, Raúl Alfonsín, accused Señor Menem of throwing Argentina's "inalienable sovereignty" over the islands into doubt; and the Frepaso alliance has dubbed the agreement a "step backwards".

Yet the pragmatic President in the Casa Rosada knows that his country desperately needs the revenue and employment that Falklands oil would generate: most onshore installations would have to be on the Argentine mainland. That is why Britain, too, has been prepared to concede to its erstwhile foe the right to participate in a process which promises to yield great profit. Naturally, it is better to share some of the profit than to fight over it — and thus risk getting none at all, for Britain as much as for Argentina. And if this can be achieved without compromising British sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, the agreement will prove to have been a very good one indeed.

FATAL FRENCH ATTRACTION

Marianne and Nicholas Chauvin just love to go to Hollywood

Sharon Stone has been made a Chevalière of the French Order of Arts and Letters for services to world culture. As he pinned the pretty striped medal to her breast, the Minister of Culture, Philippe Douste-Blazy, described her as a *femme fatale* and an "absolute star". He thanked her for making daily life look a bit less routine.

Ms Stone is indeed one of Hollywood's brightest and most expensive shooting-stars. In *Basic Instinct*, the film that launched her career, she made a post-feminist statement for world culture by teasing and bossing a roomful of hard law enforcement men. But that screenplay was famous for its adult and off-the-rails bisexuality and violence rather than its soft-focus or subtextual ambiguities. And the scene that lingered in the public memory and made the punning headlines was not some dying fade-out or grainy photography with subtitles, but a fleeting shot that demonstrated that she was knickerless. In cinemas around the world, more pants could be heard than seen. On critical balance, the film was judged more characteristic of Sam Pekinpah and Quentin Tarantino than Truffaut or Renoir.

Her new film, *The Quick and the Dead*, in which Ms Stone plays a cowgirl John Wayne in skirts, has just bombed in London. But at least she has done more for culture than her fellow chevalier and co-star in the violent thriller, *The Specialist*, Sylvester Stallone. He chickened out of coming to Cannes because of an Arab bomb scare that frightened away wimpish tourists from Europe. Ms Stone has been assiduous at Cannes, wearing dark glasses and Hermès headsquare and making herself available for the *paparazzi*. On receiving her award, she said: "I have two loves, the cinema and Paris. I've often been called cavalier; now you can call me Madame la Cavalière."

From *Les Enfants du Paradis* to *Jules et Jim*, the French cinema has always been the jolliest and most stylish source of cult films for art cinemas. France even held up the signing of Gatt for months just to impose quotas on foreign films and prevent the Hollywoodisation of the native product.

This was as hypocritical and counter-productive as the attempts of the Académie Française to keep French pristine. For the English language and American films are trendy for the young in France. Sharon Stone embodies the fantasy of every Frenchman and most Frenchwomen, as they loved Errol Flynn and the plays of William Douglas-Home. So Sharon is about to become the most popular name for French baby girls, as *Kevin* and *Eric* are for French boys.

We all need the French language, because it is beautifully logical, and French films, because they contrive to combine high art with basic instincts. But Anglo-Saxons and other aliens can take French intellectual and cultural snobbery with a smile, because under its skirt it is much the same as the rest of us. It just loves stars. So we can salute with approval France's latest cultural dame.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Questions on wisdom and fairness of lottery awards

From Mr David Powell

Sir, When the National Lottery started almost a year ago the sale of the first tickets was delayed by 48 hours, because it was felt in poor taste that this event should coincide with the nation's solemn Remembrance weekend (report, October 11, 1994).

Since then the Government has created a society that lives by gambling to such an extent that the British Legion now resorts to its own scratch cards to raise funds (letter, October 23). The scramble for instant unearned wealth is matched only by the unseemly spectacle of charities scrambling for handouts.

I suggest that on the eve of each Remembrance Day we have a token one day off a year from this national disaster.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID POWELL,
31 Bush Hill, Northampton.
October 24.

From Mr R. M. Langton

Sir, At this very early stage in the distribution of lottery cash to manifold charities I am quite happy to accept the judgment of the National Lottery Charities Board.

However, I am by no means convinced that the measures cited by the board's chief executive (report, October 24) to ensure that the cash received is actually used in the way intended and that the charities submit their accounts by their due date will be adequate to the task.

After some twenty years in the charitable field before my retirement, regretfully I have to say that I found many smaller charities ran more as the fiefs of the organisers rather than effectual engines of good works.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LANGTON,
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Hartington Road, W4.
October 23.

From Councillor Bob Harris

Sir, The rising chorus of criticism that Londoners are receiving more than their share of lottery funds (report, October 17) is unfair and unjustified.

It has been prompted by Arts Council awards to national institutions, such as Sadlers Wells and the Royal Opera House, which happen to be based in central London. Yet I have heard nobody argue that the Churchill papers are to be bought for the benefit of the people of Cambridge, where those documents reside. Awards to national institutions, wherever based, should not be confused with those to projects for local communities.

An early analysis of the regional distribution of funds shows no bias so far in favour of Londoners. The benchmark for allocation must surely be need, in which case the capital should receive more than it has done. Although the "gold-paved streets" myth lives on, the reality is that London contains 14 of the 20 most deprived local authority areas in England, and higher average unemployment than all but one English region.

The Association of London Government, which represents all 33 local authorities in London, is holding a seminar on Friday to assist London boroughs and other bidders in the capital to make the most of the funding opportunities offered by the lottery and ensure that Londoners do not miss out.

Yours sincerely,
R. C. HARRIS
(Arts & Leisure Chair),
Association of London Government,
36 Old Queen Street, SW1.
October 23.

From Mr David Hobman

Sir, The trustees of the National Lottery Charities Board seem to have cast their net quite widely and well in their first allocation. There is no way in which they can reflect all preferences and prejudices in distributing the funds at their disposal.

In the 1960s there was some talk about introducing the American-type "United Way" appeals in this country, whereby targets for concerted annual fundraising efforts are set in each community once agreement has been reached about the amount the participating organisations can each reasonably expect to receive.

Under this scheme the names of the beneficiaries were printed on the gift forms, so that donors could mark the good causes they supported, and avoid those of which they didn't approve. But, as a director of the Chicago fund explained, "it doesn't matter a damn where they put their ticks". The allocation was in other hands.

Predictably, the most successful fundraisers kept well clear of the United Way. In an inherently competitive world where people respond to causes rather than concepts they still found it more profitable to go it alone.

Yours etc,
DAVID HOBMAN (Director,
Age Concern England, 1971-87),
Robinswood, George's Lane,
Storrington, West Sussex.
October 24.

From the Chief Executive of apa

Sir, The recent barrage of criticism about lottery money going to "politically correct" and unworthy causes cannot go unchallenged. A number of Tory MPs have remarked that "drug abusers" should not benefit from lottery funds.

This organisation is a national charity working with people with drug and alcohol problems. Some of the people we see are children as young as eight years old. Fundraising for our cause is difficult because we have to overcome the kind of prejudicial views we are hearing voiced.

It is extremely important that uncuddly causes like ours have equal access to lottery money because drug and alcohol misuse is no longer a marginal problem — in the next few years young people who have not tried drugs will be a minority group. Over half of all 16-year-olds have tried an illegal drug. Drug misuse knows no barriers of class, geography, gender or age.

Rehabilitation of problem drug-users is an important part of our work, as are prevention and education programmes aimed at young people. Fundraising represents 20 per cent of our annual income. Those of us working in this field have every right to be considered for lottery money alongside other worthy and deserving causes.

People with drug problems have a right to dignity and must not be denied the opportunity to get help because of the misplaced bigotry of a few prominent individuals.

Yours,
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Chief Executive, apa,
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October 24.

From Mr Luke FitzHerbert

Sir, Your report (October 24) reinforces a common misunderstanding when it refers to half the lottery money going to "tiny charities with an annual income of less than £20,000". A charity with £20,000 a year is in fact a rather big one. According to the Chief Charity Commissioner two thirds of all registered charities have less than £10,000 a year.

Charities are typically local, with incomes as likely to be in hundreds as in thousands of pounds, no paid staff and no premises of their own. They are all eligible for lottery funding, and so far they are getting a small proportion of its proceeds, not the large one you report.

Yours,
LUKE FitzHERBERT,
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October 24.

A lesser grandeur in affairs of State

From Mr Gordon J. Collier

Sir, After digesting the dreadful chronicle of disasters befalling society today, one of the great comforts of life is to read the Court Circular, with its reassuring tones that the country continues with long-established traditions of order.

I love to read that "His Excellency Mr So & So was received by the Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Wherever to the Court of St James's".

With dismay I notice the deligitful words Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary have recently been dropped. I appeal for the restoration of the old order.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON J. COLLIER,
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Hexton, Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
October 24.

Popular sculpture

From Mr Malcolm B. Stathers

Sir, How refreshing it was to see that beautiful and enduring little sculpture of the dove by Rosalind Stracey (photograph, October 21) which is to go to the winner of your Preacher of the Year competition. What a pleasant change from the stainless steel bathplugs, formaldehyde, bricks, baked bean tins and old tyres which so often figure in your pages as "art". Congratulations both to *The Times* for the competition and Ms Stracey for her creativity.

If Richard Morrison ("Public art? More like a private joke", same date) wants to see "a successful piece of public art" he has to go no further than Trafalgar Square where Landseer's lions appear to be much loved by the public. Perhaps in today's enlightened age, however, public approval is no longer an acceptable criterion.

His article raised valid issues. There should be more public competition and, since sculpture is not an inexpensive business, accountability.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM STATHERS,
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October 24.

'Prejudice' perks

From Mr Michael Dunton

Sir, I was somewhat surprised to read ("Enigmatic Darcy is out of reach", October 24) that "pictures commissioned for costume dramas are generally given, once they are no longer needed, to the subject or to the programme producer".

The latest portrait to be given away is that of Colin Firth as the BBC's Fitzwilliam Darcy, hero of *Pride and Prejudice*. The recipient, producer Sue Birtwistle, is no doubt delighted with her acquisition.

However, as a licence-payer and therefore "part-purchaser" of the portrait, might I suggest that it is put up for auction and the proceeds given to the forthcoming BBC Children in Need appeal.

As a BBC spokesman said: "I expect a lot of people would like the chance to make a bid for it."

Yours faithfully,
M. DUNTON,
94 Stamford Avenue,
Springfield,
Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.
October 24.

Baptism choice

From Mr Mervin Spearing

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury criticises those clergy who refuse to baptise the children of parents who do not attend church (report, October 19). The answer, surely, is to restrict baptism to adults. Can it be right to initiate a baby into a religion or denomination and then tell him or her "You are a Christian", "You are a Catholic" or "You are a Protestant"? A child in Britain should be free to choose its own religion or way of life.

Might Parliament consider a Bill to prohibit acts of religious, political or sectarian ritual on children? I write not as a sceptic but as a practising Christian.

Yours faithfully,
MERVIN SPEARING,
47 Polwarth Drive,
Brunton Park, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Bar and legal aid

From Mr Peter Goldsmith, QC, Chairman of the General Council of the Bar

Sir, Access to justice and the quality of justice are the Bar's primary concern over the Government's proposals on legal aid, not that under the proposals barristers would lose the right to negotiate their own fees ("Mackay to drop plan for cap on legal aid budget", October 23).

Barristers do not negotiate their own legal aid fees now. They are either fixed by regulation or determined by government officials and judicial officers whose job is to ensure that the rates and charges are reasonable.

The proposed cash-limited budgets and block contracts not only risk denying people who need it help because the budget has run out but fail to contain sufficient safeguards to make sure the standard of service is kept up.

The few limited suppliers will have an incentive to avoid spending money so they can maximise their own profit. This may include giving over-hasty advice to litigants to settle their claims too cheaply or failing to instruct senior and experienced counsel when the justice of the case demands it.

The Bar has put forward proposals to maintain the best features of the legal aid scheme principles whilst controlling the budget. They include, for example, reform of the so-called "merits test", so that legal aid is focused more on cases of real merit with prospects of a worthwhile recovery.

Yours faithfully,
PETER GOLDSMITH,
Chairman,
The General Council
of the Bar,
3 Bedford Row, WC1.
October 23.

Bus industry review

From the Minister for Local Transport and Road Safety

Sir, I am becoming slightly confused as to what, in news terms, constitutes a "leak" these days. Not, surely the revelation that the Government is consulting on and reviewing the detailed operation of the bus industry following deregulation ten years ago ("Days of bus deregulation are numbered", October 24). It's now more than a year since I formed a working group to look at these issues (with operators themselves, local authorities and others) and I've spoken about them publicly on numerous occasions. None of this suggests "re-regulation" of the industry as your article implies.

There is widespread, and — given participants' varying political standpoints — sometimes surprising, agreement that the British bus industry has blossomed since deregulation. No one, least of all the Government, would want to jeopardise that. But there is also agreement that there are sensible measures that could smooth the operation of services in some areas, reduce town-centre congestion and pollution, and ensure a consistently higher standard.

It is these issues that the working group is looking at — not "re-regulation" in any sense that would be recognised as such, and certainly not "Ofbus", for which there is remarkably little enthusiasm on all sides.

Yours etc,
STEVEN NORRIS,
The Department of Transport,
Great Minster House,
76 Marsham Street, SW1.
October 24.

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Judicial review

From Dr Kenneth Gulleford

Sir, The growing debate on the subject of judicial review (report, later editions, October 16) could be much clarified. In English law it means, without question, "judicial review of administrative action"; that is to say it is a valuable check on abuses of executive power, as for instance not adhering to procedures laid down by Parliament.

Once it begins to mean, as the judges seem to be saying, that it is a power to review the legislation of an elected Parliament then it is time for the people to start trembling in their beds. It would be yet another upward notch in the power of the apparatus of government at the expense of the elected representatives of the people.

Continual use of the phrase "judicial review" clouds the underlying issue and carries with it the danger of our hard-won liberties becoming yet further eroded, albeit by well-meaning judges.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH GULLEFORD
(Barrister),
1 Tudor Lodge,
Holden Road, Finchley, N12.

University pay

From the Chief Executive of the Universities and Colleges Employers Association

Sir, We are reminded by Mr Neil Macfarlane of the Association of University and College Lecturers (letter, October 17; also letter, October 9) that the pay of schoolteachers has increased in line with average earnings elsewhere because it is determined by an independent pay review body. He proposes that the pay of lecturers in higher education should be decided in the same way.

This used to be an attractive idea, but last year the Government declined to fund the teachers' pay award in full. That resulted in 5,000 redundant teachers and larger class sizes.

I don't imagine that the members of Mr Macfarlane's association are prepared to pay that sort of price.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN ROUSE, Chief Executive,
Universities and Colleges
Employers Association,
Kirkman House,
12-14 Whitfield Street, W1.

Start-up costs

From the Chairman of the Association of District Councils

Sir, David Walker has been listening too hard to disgruntled county council officers ("When the music stops, where will they sit?", Public Management, October 19).

Contrary to what they may have been telling him, the Government is allowing the new single-tier councils to borrow money to meet their start-up costs. This will allow for proper investment to establish the new authorities without taking resources away from the day-to-day running of local authority services.

This represents sound business practice and will help ensure that the public get what they overwhelmingly want — a single-tier rather than two-tier structure of local government — without having to pay for it all at once.

Yours faithfully,
PETER GREENWOOD,
Chairman,
Association of District Councils,
26 Chapter Street, SW1.
October 20.

Prisoner's letter

From Mr Eric Earnshaw

Sir, This morning I see that, as usual, each letter is headed by the correspondent's title and in some cases his qualifications. The exception is the letter (a very interesting one, incidentally) from one of the escapees from Parkhurst, now imprisoned in HMP Frankland. It is simply headed "From Matthew Williams".

To be incarcerated in that dreadful place at Durham, I would have thought, would be sufficient punishment for anyone without the added affront to one's self-respect of having *The Times* omit one's title. You owe *Mr* M. V. Williams an apology.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC EARNSHAW,
Sursum Corda, West Witton,
Nr Leyburn, North Yorkshire.
October 23.

Knotty problem

From Mr Tony McCoy O'Grady

Sir, I was intrigued by the report (October 24) of the convoluted process involved in returning a pair of spectacles to a British Airways passenger. It was only after I had turned the page that a thought struck me . . . while we know that all small boys carry mysterious objects in their trouser pockets, why did an airline pilot have what must have been a very long (12-15 feet perhaps?) piece of string in his pocket?

I would hate to think of the airline emergency in which a piece of string that long might be called for.

Yours faithfully,
TONY McCOY O'GRADY,
186 Captain's Road,
Kinnage, Dublin 12.
October 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 24: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 25: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Her Majesty, together with The President of the Republic of Ireland, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace given by The Queen's Colleges in Ireland to mark their Sesquicentenary and was received by the President and Vice-Chancellor, The Queen's University of Belfast (Sir Gordon Beveridge), the President, University College, Galway (Dr Colm O hEocha) and the President, University College, Cork (Dr Michael Mortell).

By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Ireland and Mr Robinson and welcomed Her Excellency and Mr Robinson on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 25: The Prince Edward, President, this evening attended a performance of "Pendragon" given by the National Youth Music Theatre at the City Center Theater, New York, United States of America, and afterwards attended the Opening Night Reception for the National Youth Music Theatre given by the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center at Sardi's.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 25: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Oncology Unit, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, afterwards visited the Royal Bank of Scotland, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, to launch the Bank's new support scheme for new businesses set up by the Trust.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Dementia Resource Centre, Paisley, to mark the start of the Allied Dunbar Dementia Initiative in Scotland and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Renfrewshire (the Lord Goold).

His Royal Highness later revisited Stockholm Crescent, Paisley, and met residents of the area who were victims of last year's floods and was briefed on progress since then.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Corps at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 25: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hospital, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this evening attended a Concert in aid of the Hospital at the Barbican Concert Hall, London EC2.

YORK HOUSE
October 25: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Laurence, Scott and Electromotors Limited, Hardey Road, Norwich, Norfolk, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

His Royal Highness today opened the new Eastern Counties Newspapers Print Centre, St Andrews Business Park, Yarmouth, Thorpe St Andrews, Norwich, and later visited Lotus Cars Limited, Potash Lane, Hethel, Norwich, Norfolk.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening attended a reception given by the Union des Foires Internationales, Lancaster House, St James's Palace, London SW1.

Birthdays today

The Viscount of Arbuthnott, 71; Mr John Arden, playwright, 65; Mr Kevin Barron, MP, 49; Sir Andrew Carnwath, banker, 86; Mr Ian Chapman, former chairman, William Collins, 70; Sir Percy Cradock, diplomat, 72; Mr Paul Daneman, actor, 70; Professor W.A. Deer, former Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, 85; Mr Robert Edwards, former Editor, Sunday Mirror, 70; Mr Edward Garnier, QC, MP, 43; Professor R.A. Hinde, former Master, St John's College, Cambridge, 72; Mr Bob Hoskins, actor, 53; Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Constable, Warwickshire, 62; Professor A.M. Lucas, Principal, King's College, London, 54; Sir Donald MacDougall, economist, 83; Viscount Malvern, 46; Mr Adam Mars-Jones, novelist, 41; M François Mitterrand, former President of France, 79; Lord Molloy, 77; Mr György Pauk, violinist, 59; the Hon Tom Sackville, MP, 45; Lord Scanlon, 82; Lord Wylie, 72.

Major Richard Candlish

A Memorial Service for Dick Candlish will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Wednesday, November 29, 1995, at noon. Tickets/Car passes from Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, London, SW1E 6HQ.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Patron of the London Symphony Orchestra, will attend a gala concert at the Barbican at 7.20 to mark the appointment of Sir Colin Davis as principal conductor.

The Princess of Wales, as Vice-President, British Red Cross, will attend the film premiere of *Haunted* at the Empire, Leicester Square at 8.00 in aid of the European Anorexia Trust and the British Red Cross 125th birthday appeal.

The Duke of York will attend the annual combined mess dinner and Trafalgar night at Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth at 7.00.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of the Royal College of Nursing, will visit Ty Maeth, the Headquarters of the Welsh Board in Cardiff, South Glamorgan, at 2.15; and will open the Barry Hospital, Colcot Road, Barry, at 3.40.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a reception at the Royal Academy at 7.15 to mark the 10th anniversary of Vision Aid Overseas.

The Duchess of Kent will present the BT/Childline Awards for Services to Children at the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel at 10.55.

Ball

Hurst Lodge School Sunningdale
50th Anniversary Ball on November 24. Old Girls apply for reunion tickets 01344 22154.



September 1925: the National Anthem is played as the High Wood Cross, the memorial to one of the harshest battles of the First World War, northeast of Amiens, is unveiled. It is now neglected and in a dangerous condition

Memorial to bloody battle faces collapse

By John Young

AS ARMISTICE Day approaches, a memorial to British troops killed in one of the bloodiest battles of the Somme offensive nearly 80 years ago is in danger of collapse from neglect. The memorial, between Albert and Bapaume northeast of Amiens, commemorates the 47th London Division which took part in the murderous assault on High Wood in September 1916.

The division consisted of three territorial brigades sent to France as part of Kitchener's New Army. Their members' close ties of community or occupation are reflected in the names of the battalions; among them the Poplar and Stepney Rifles, the Post Office Rifles, the Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles and the London Irish. But, although regarded as some of the fittest and best trained infantrymen on the front, they suffered appalling losses.

One officer described High Wood as "a wood only in name — ragged stumps sticking out of churned-up earth, poisoned with fumes of high explosives, the whole a mass of corruption." A Corporal M.J. Guiton wrote afterwards: "I saw men in their madness bayonet each other without mercy, without thought… I saw men torn to fragments by the near explosion of bombs, and — worse than any sight — I heard the agonised cries and shrieks of men in mortal pain who were giving up their souls to their Maker." Although the wood was eventually captured, the commander of the 47th Division, Major-General Charles Barter, was accused of the "wanton waste of men" and sent home in disgrace. He was subsequently exonerated and knighted.

The memorial, which was unveiled in September 1925, is now in a dangerous state. Having been built over the remains of a trench, it needs to be dismantled and reassembled.

The estimated cost is £18,000 but only some £6,500 is available. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintains the site and cuts the grass, but under its charter is able to spend money only on individual headstones and memorials listing the names of the fallen. It is not responsible for the upkeep of regimental memorials.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was the host at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of HM Forces.

Marriage Care
Mr Gerald Malone, MP, Minister of State, Department of Health, was the host at a reception in the House of Commons, on October 18, on the occasion of the launch of "Marriage Care". The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, delivered a speech reaffirming his commitment to marriage. Those present included:

The Duke of Norfolk, Mrs Michael Ancram, District Judge John Turner, District Judge Jane Brazier, The Hon Mrs Buchan, Mrs John Poncia, MBA, Mother Clare Shanley, Mr Keith Mans, MP, Mr Julian Brazier, MP, Mr Robin Corbett, MP, Mr John Battle, MP, Mrs Diana Maddock, MP, Mr David Alton, MP, the Right Rev Peter Smith, Bishop of East Anglia, the Right Rev Charles Henderson, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, Mr John Flaherty, Mrs Eileen McCabe, and Mrs James Corbett (Chief Executive, "Marriage Care").

Service luncheon

46th Infantry Division (1939-1945)
Brigadier Aubrey Miller presided at a luncheon of the 46th Infantry Division (1939-1945) Officers' Luncheon Club held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club.

Builders Merchants

The following have been installed officers of the Company of Builders Merchants for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Robert Cope; Senior Warden, Mr David Bedford; Junior Warden, Mr John Hauxwell.

Memorial service

Mr Walter Goetz
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Walter Goetz, cartoonist, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated, assisted by Father Jean-Marie Charles-Roux. Mr Sebastian Goetz, son, read the lesson and Mr Dominic Goetz, son, read from Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows*. Mr Eugene Thaw and Mr Alistair Horne gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mrs Goetz (widow), Mr Tony Shapiro (foster son), the Dowager Lady Muir (mother-in-law), Sir John and Lady Aird, Mr and Mrs Ian Muir and Mr and Mrs Andrew Muir (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs Primrose Muir, Mrs Peter Michelmore, Miss Alexandra Muir, Miss Belinda Aird, the Hon Lady Dundas, Mr and Mrs Patrick Morreau, Countess Traun, Mrs Ivan Stancioff, Mrs Robin Muir, Miss Andrea Morreau.

The Countess of Bessborough, the Countess of Eldon, Viscountess Colville of Culross, Viscountess Norwich, Lord Ashburton, KG, and Lady Ashburton, Lord Camoys, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lady Williams of Elvel, Lady Northbourne, Lady Marlesford, Lord and Lady Wakehurst, the Hon Mrs Ann Money-Coutts, the Hon Raymond and Mrs Bonham-Carter, the Hon Mrs David Bathurst, the Hon Robert Loder, the Hon J A Stourton, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, and Lady Casson, Lady Lancaster, Lady Jessel, Sir Paul Wright, Sir Philip and Lady Adams, Lady Reilly, Sir Peter and Lady Wakefield, Sir Donald and Lady Logan, Sir Brook and Lady Richards, Lady Lasdun, Lady (Sandra) Lean, Lady James, Lady Tomkins, Sir Edward Playfair, Sir Harold Beeley, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw.

Baron and Baroness Vaes, Baron and Baroness Rothschild, Mrs Eugene Thaw, Mrs Alistair Horne, Mrs Dunstan Curtis, Mr M Lyell, Mr David Ogilvy, Mrs Humphrey Burton, Mr and Mrs Thomas Borges, Mr David Stewart, Mr Derwent May, Mr and Mrs Peter Hart, Dr C Carritt, Mr Jack Baer, Mr John Denison, Mr Laurence Kelly, Mr and Mrs Ivan Foxwell, Mr Derek Johns, Mrs Timothy Royle, Mr and Mrs S Brisby, Mr Colin Anson, Mr Adrian Beles, Mrs Timothy Bathurst, Mr David Grose, Mr Godfrey Pilkington, Mr David Jenkins, Mr and Mrs David Astor, Mrs Christopher Wood, Miss Georgia de Chamberet, Mrs John Murray, Mr Alan Gottlieb, Mrs M Fogarty, Mr and Mrs R Palmer, Mrs R Hill, Mr William Mostyn-Owen, Mr and Mrs A Wengraf, Mr John Herbert, Mr and Mrs David Mann, Mr Anthony Bartlett, Mr Anthony Hobson, Mrs Jeremy Edwards, Mrs William Merton, Mr Milton Shulman and Miss Drusilla Beyfus, Mrs G R Southam, Mrs Maurice Snowden, Mr John Snowden, Mr Mark Snowden, Mrs Hugh Morgan, Mr Umberto Allemandi and Miss Anna Somers Cocks, Mrs Pauline Tooth, Mrs Charles Gimpel, Mrs Tim Rathbone, Mr Michael Brisby, Mr and Mrs Tom Stacey, Mr Frederick Nicolle, Mr Patrick Bishop, Mr Matt Saunders, Mr Raymond Gadd, Mr Alastair Forbes and Miss Mary Mullin (International Council of Graphic Design Associations).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Domenico Scarlatti, harpsichordist and composer, Naples, 1685; Georges-Jacques Danton, French Revolution leader, Arcis-sur-Aube, 1759; 1906: Mahalia Jackson, gospel singer, New Orleans, 1911; Jackie Coogan, actor, Los Angeles, 1914; Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah of Iran 1941-79, Teheran, 1919.

DEATHS: Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons 871-99, London, 899; William Hogarth, painter and engraver, London, 1764; Alma Cogan, singer, 1966; Igor Sikorsky, pioneer of the helicopter, Easton, Connecticut, 1972.

The gunfight at the OK Corral took place at Tombstone, Arizona, 1881.

The Territorial Army was founded by Richard Haldane, Secretary of State for War, 1907.

Dinners

Plaisterers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended the annual livery and ladies' dinner of the Plaisterers' Company held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. The Master, assisted by the Wardens, presided. The Lord Mayor, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Ross, Commandant General Royal Marines, and Mr N.N. Goldwater also spoke.

Order of St John of Beverley
The Dean of Norwich presided at the annual dinner of the Order of St John of Beverley held last night at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club.

Commonwealth Jewish Council
King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes attended the annual award dinner of the Commonwealth Jewish Council held last night at the Langham Hilton hotel. Mr Gordon Brown, MP, presented the award to Mr Vaizman Aharoni and Mr David Silverstein of the Jewish Community of Kenya. Mr Greville Janner, QC, MP, president of the council, was in the chair. Ambassadors, High Commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps were among those present.

Luncheon

Carlton Club
Mr Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, was the guest of honour and speaker at luncheon of the Carlton Club Political Committee held yesterday at the club.

Appointment

Mr Ian Lewty to be Ambassador to Bahrain from January 1996 in succession to Mr Hugh Tunnell who is retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr P.C. Buttery and Dr C.N.E. Grahame-Clarke
The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Buttery, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, and Cairistine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Grahame Clarke, of East Tuddenham, Norfolk.

Mr S.W. Gammell and Miss J. Clegg
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Iain Gammell, of Farnham, Surrey, and Johanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Clegg, of Worthing, West Sussex.

Mr R.F. Godfrey and Miss I.E. Litewski
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Godfrey, of Twinstead Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk, and Irena, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Jerzy Litewski, of Wandsworth Common, London.

Mr P.M. Stanley and Miss C. Vosburgh
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Stanley, of Blackheath, London, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter G. Vosburgh, of Norfolk, Connecticut, formerly of London.

Mr G.E.O. Howard and Miss F.C.R. MacLeod
The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Howard, of Glebe House, Cople, Bedfordshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald A. MacLeod, of Kinlochfollart, by Dunvegan, Isle of Skye.

Major C.A. McGrath and Miss G.C. Aldous
The engagement is announced between Major Charlie McGrath, Irish Guards, twin son of Sir Brian and the late Elizabeth McGrath, of Hillgreen, Berkshire, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Aldous, of Kingsbridge, Buckinghamshire.

Mr O.C.R. Wynne-James and Miss A.A. Akkemik
The engagement is announced between Oliver, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wynne-James, of The Lower Nupend, Cradley, near Malvern, and Arzu, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.T. Akkemik, of Nisantasi, Istanbul.

Arbitrators' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Arbitrators' Company of the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Clifford Evans; Senior Warden, Mr Douglas Smith; Junior Warden, Mr Ian Menzies.

Marriages

Mr E.D. Guinness and Miss C.E. Perry
The marriage took place on October 20, in London, of Mr Ewan Diarmid Guinness, son of the late Hon Diarmid Guinness, and of the Hon Mrs Felicity Guinness, of Hampstead, London, and Miss Claire Elizabeth Perry, daughter of the late Mr Alan Perry and of Mrs Patricia Perry, of East Horsley, Surrey.

Mr E.W. Hall and Miss H.J. Bowman
The marriage took place on October 21, in Brighton, between Mr Edward William Hall, youngest son of Mr Royce Herman Hall and Mrs Eileen Westhead Hall, of Texas, and Miss Helen Jill Bowman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Bowman, of Woodham, Surrey.

Mr A.R.A. Scott and Miss J. Riddlesdell
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 7, at St Nicholas Church, Remenham, of Andrew, son of Sir Kenneth Scott and the late Mrs Gabrielle Scott and stepson of Lady Scott, to Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Riddlesdell. The Rev Matthew Forrester officiated. A Service of Blessing was also held on Tuesday, October 17, at St Barnabas Church, Christchurch, New Zealand, conducted by the Rev Canon Craufurd Murray.

Mr J.B. Sturgess and Miss N.M. Walker
The marriage took place on Saturday at St John's Kirk, Perth, between Mr Jeremy Sturgess, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Sturgess, of Cobham, Surrey, and Miss Nicola Walker, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Walker, of Shanwell House, Kinross. The Rev David Ogston officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Emma Christie-Miller, Jasmine Thompson M'Causland, Saskia Walker, Louisa Willoughby, David Christie-Miller and Jack Lennard. Mr Philip Donald was best man.

A reception was held at Shanwell and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Baron W. Taxis and Miss M. Dunne
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 21, at St Mary Magdalene, Leintwardine, of Baron William Taxis, son of Baron and Baroness Franz Taxis, and Miss Miranda Dunne, daughter of Mr Michael Dunne and the Hon Mrs Daniell. Dom Luke Waring OSB officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Henrietta Dunne, Lily Frazer, Alexander Daniell, Patrick Daniell, Miss Juliet Rykens and Miss Juanita West. Baron Christoper Taxis was best man.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of Argyll and the Isles
Ordinations
At St Molag's Church, Bail of Lewis, Barbara Morrison was ordained Deacon and John Bullamore Priest. Both are serving in a non-stipendiary capacity at St Molag's, Ms Morrison as Deacon and Mr Bullamore as Priest-in-charge.

John Miles Evans was ordained Priest at St John's Cathedral, Oban, where he is serving as Chaplain.

Diocese of Brechin
The Rev Kenneth J Cavanagh, formerly with the Church Army in Scotland and Northern Ireland, is Rector of St Luke's, Dundee.

Diocese of Edinburgh
The Rev Michael Jeremy Fuller, formerly Assistant Curate of All Saints, High Wycombe, is Associate Rector, St John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

The Rev Kevin Pearson, Priest-in-charge at St Peter's, Linlithgow, is Rector of St Michael and All Saints, Edinburgh. Formerly Diocesan Director of Ordinands he is also serving as Provincial Director of Ordinands.

The Rev Andrew John Bain, Rector of St James', Leith and Priest-in-charge at St Margaret's, Easter Road, is Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
The Rev David John Gordon, formerly Chaplain at St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen, has been licensed as Priest-in-charge of St Mungo's, Alexandria.

Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness
The Rev David McAlister, formerly Assistant Curate at St Mary's, Broughty Ferry, is Priest-in-charge, St Columba's, Nairn.

Diocese of St Andrews
Ordinations
Eric Nicholson Ramsay has been ordained Priest at St John the Evangelist, Forfar, where he will continue to serve as Assistant Minister (NSM).

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BIRTHS

ADDICOTT - On October 19th, at Singleton Hospital, Swansea, to Victoria and Richard, a son, James Cameron, a brother for Charlotte.

AXON - On 19th October, to Julia (née Scannell) and Jeremy, a son, Alexander, a brother for Thomas.

BEVAN-THOMAS - On 23rd October 1995, to Sophie (née Hamilton-Grierson) and Giles, a son, Archie.

EASTERBY - On October 23rd, to Anna (née Grant) and John, a son, Gabriel, a brother for Jamie.

GAIRARD - On 16th October in Paris, to Camilla (née Grindell) and Olivier, a son, Maximilian.

HAWAWINI - On October 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Tracey-Lee (née Raymond) and Alain, a beautiful daughter, Karine, a sister for Stephanie.

JONES - On October 20th, to Joanna (née Hazell) and Richard, a son, Laurence Edward Fielding.

LEE - On October 17th, to Jessica and Howard, a son, Jack, a brother for Harriet, James and Rebecca.

LINDSAY - On October 23rd, in Belfast, to Heather and Alastair, a son, James Oliver.

MASTENBROEK - Noah Sebastian at The Portland Hospital on October 20th, a beautiful son to Lalla Mastenbroek and Anton Van Genuchten the proud parents.

McCRACKEN - On October 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Jenny Connolly and Robert, a lovely son, Rory Thomas, a brother for James.

MELHUISH - On October 13th, to Joanna (née Marchbank) and Simon, a son, Max Louis, a brother for Tom and Ella.

MORINI - Adriano Severino on 21st October at The Portland Hospital, to Adriano and Alida Morini, a beautiful baby boy, a first grandson for Romano and Linda.

MORISON-HATCHER - On 21st October at The Portland Hospital, to Wendy and Nick, a son, Euan, a lovely brother for Callum, Katie and Peter.

WATSON - On October 19th, to Caroline (née Pritchard) and Andrew, a daughter, Georgia Nicole, a sister for Charlotte.

WELSH - On 18th October, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Sophie (née MacFarlane) and Robert, a son, Rory Thomas David, a brother for Feargus.

DEATHS

AGRELL - Jean Elspeth, daughter of Alexander and Henrietta Imlay, beloved wife of Stuart, mother of Peter, Michael and Benjamin, on 21st October. Cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium (East Chapel) at 11.45 am on Wednesday, 1st November. Flowers, or donations to either Help the Aged or the Stroke Association to H.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS, tel: (01223) 891226.

BENTLEY - On October 24th 1995, Terence Guy Darley, at home after a short illness, beloved husband of Joan and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service and interment at St Mary's Parish Church, Denham Village, Buckinghamshire, on Monday November 6th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund c/o The Rectory, Ashmead Lane, Denham Village, Uxbridge UB9 5BB.

BENTON - Dr. Donald Peter, died, 24th October 1995, after an illness borne with great courage and good humour for many years. Senior Lecturer at University of Surrey. A dedicated father and grandfather, will be sadly missed by Gil, Hilary, Michael and Gill and granddaughters Gemma, Sarah, Rachel and Daniella. Funeral to take place on Monday 30th October 1 pm at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to St Barnabas Hospice, Worthing. All enquiries to Dillistone Funeral Service, tel: (01903) 200858.

BRIGGS - Captain Edmund William Briggs D.S.C., R.N. (ret'd), aged 82 on 23rd October, peacefully at home. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral on November 2nd at 2 pm in St Cyriacs Church, Laycock. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Mission to Seamen, College Hill, London EC4R 2RL.

CARMICHAEL - Cicely, on Tuesday October 24th 1995, at home in her 94th year. Only daughter of Robert William Clarke and Dorothy Anne St Aubyn. Beloved wife of the late Charles Alexander Carmichael of Andrew Yule and Co. Calcutta, much loved mother of Anne and Janet Jane and loved mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels Church, Finmere on Monday October 30th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations to Cancer McMillan Nurses Fund. All enquiries to Heritage & Son, 1A Bristle Hill, Buckingham, tel: (01280) 813188.

COVENTON - On 23rd October 1995 at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, after a short illness, Arthur Edgar aged 88 years, beloved husband of Elizabeth (Betty), loving father of Petra Willoughby, proud grandfather of Stephen, Vivienne and little Andrew. Formerly of L.C.C. and G.L.C. Funeral Service Monday 30th October at St Francis Church, Greencourt Road, Petts Wood, at 1 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Diabetic Association c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, Orpington. Any enquiries please tel: (01689) 878116.

DUPREE - Annette Margaret, in Sydney, New South Wales, on 24th October. Beloved daughter of Lady Margaret Jenour and the late Ellis Fielding Jones, of Providence, Rhode Island, USA. Mother of Kate Green, grandmother of Jack and sister of Dinah and Moana.

EDWARD - Dorothy Jean (Jumbo). On 23rd October at West Middlesex Hospital, aged 81. A kind and loving friend to all. Funeral Service is arranged to take place on Friday 3rd November at South West Middlesex/Hanworth Crematorium at 12.30. Donations, if desired, to The Arthritic Society c/o F.W. Paine, 31 Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NR, tel: (0181) 892-1784.

FATTORINI - Rollo Edward. Suddenly on 22nd October, 1995, aged four months. Beloved son of Charles and Cecilia and treasured brother of Alicia. Gathered back to God and greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Masham, North Yorkshire on Tuesday 31st October, 1995, at 10.30am. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at the Royal Memorial Chapel, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on Friday 3rd November at 2pm. Donations, if desired, to The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths.

FORDER - Reverend H.W. Forder, formerly of West Horsley, Surrey, passed away peacefully on 24th October 1995.

HARRISON - On 21st October 1995, peacefully after a long illness, in Old Heathfield, Sussex, Joanna Rosemary, Beloved widow of General Desmond Harrison, dearly loved by her family and friends. Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday 2nd November at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Stroke Association c/o Heathfield Funeral Service, Hailsham Road, Heathfield, E. Sussex, tel: (01435) 862648.

LOVEJOY - Reverend James Allan, on October 24th 1995, peacefully at home, dearly loved husband of Doreen. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Framlingham, Suffolk, on Tuesday October 31st at 2pm.

MARTIN - Toni peacefully on Sunday 22nd October. Dearly loved wife of the late Jack Martin, mother of Anna, Jane and Michael and grandmother of Matilda and Paul, Elizabeth and Luke, and Peter and Robert. Will be greatly missed by all those who remember Wetherby Gardens, Groby Lawn and Cobblestones. Service at St Nicholas Church, Newton Blossomville, 11 am Tuesday 31st October. Donations in lieu of flowers to Willen Hospice, Manor Farm, Milton Road, Willen Village, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB.

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MUDFORD - Marjorie, passed away peacefully at the Old Rectory Nursing Home Ewhurst, on October 24th. Funeral 11.30 am Saturday October 28th at Dunsfold Parish Church.

PULLING - Yvonne Marie Georgette aged 89, dearly loved wife of the late Martin Pulling, on October 24th, peacefully in the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Requiem Mass Friday November 3rd. All details from J.H. Kenyon, tel: (0171) 834-4624. Donations, if wished, to Forces Help Society.

RINGROSE - Basil John. Funeral Service will take place at All Saints Parish Church, Rudston (nr. Bridlington, East Yorkshire) on Wednesday 1st November 1995 at 1 pm. All friends welcome at the Church. A separate Memorial Service in Newark, will not now be held. Family flowers only please, donations, if wished, for The Horncastle Area District Nurses and Boston Pilgrim Hospital c/o G.E. Rose Funeral Directors, tel: (01636) 703808.

RULF - Werner unexpectedly on October 22nd aged 72. Husband of Helga, father of Cornelia and Julia, loved and respected by many. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Wednesday November 8th at Christuskirche, 19 Montpellier Place, London SW7. Any enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, Funeral Directors, tel: (0171) 937-0757.

SELBY WRIGHT - Peacefully on October 24th 1995, at home. The Very Rev. Dr. Ronald W.V. Selby Wright, minister emeritus of Canongate. Loved brother of Ray. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving in Canongate Kirk to be announced shortly.

SOGNO - John. Died peacefully at home on 22nd October after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Monday 30th October 1995 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to R.N.L.I. c/o Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne, E. Sussex.

VASS - Alan Charles Richard died suddenly on Sunday October 22nd 1995 at Wycombe General Hospital. A special person. He will be deeply missed by his children Caroline, Jennet, Oliver, Alexander and Madeleine. Loved devotedly by Vanessa and her sons Benjamin and Alexander. A great loss for all who knew him. Funeral Service at St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, Princes Risborough, at 11 am Tuesday 31st October, followed by cremation at Amersham Crematorium. Donations to W.G.H. Maternity and Gynae Services to be used for Cancer Research.

WAIN - On October 22nd 1995 suddenly at home Roger Henry Ashley. Widower of Rosalind and adored father of Jonathan, Venetia and Sarah. Funeral Service and interment at St James the Less, Stilgrave, nr. Banbury, Oxon. Enquiries to J & M Humphris (01295) 265424.

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OBITUARIES

SIR PETER LAZARUS

Sir Peter Lazarus, KCB, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Transport, 1982-85, died from cancer on October 19 aged 69. He was born on April 2, 1926.



PETER LAZARUS helped to shape the transport policies of successive governments for more than 30 years. From the dawn of the motorway age in the 1950s, through the introduction of parking meters and traffic wardens to electrified railways and the privatisation of National Freight — his was one of the prime influences behind Whitehall policy.

Ernest Marples, Barbara Castle, William Rodgers, Norman Fowler, David Howell and Nicholas Ridley were among the Transport Ministers he worked with — his partnership with Ridley being the last such relationship and perhaps the closest.

Yet, despite his manifest part in changing the face of Britain, the programme in which he took the greatest pride lay perhaps outside the periphery of Whitehall. This was the rebuilding of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St John's Wood in northwest London. Built in 1925 opposite the Grace Gates at Lord's Cricket Ground, the synagogue was bombed 15 years later. Services were held across the road at Lord's while it was repaired.

Its foundations, however, had been seriously weakened and in 1984 a builder's report outlined the need for wholesale restoration. Lazarus, who was about to start a second term as chairman of the synagogue's council, launched a multimillion-pound programme which led to a completely new building on the site.

Its success is still largely attributed to him and the administrative skills he brought to bear, with the result that leading liberal Jews in Britain now see it as his unofficial monument. His last appearance there was on the Day of Atonement last month, when he read the entire Book of Jonah to the assembled congregation.

Peter Esmond Lazarus was born in Bayswater, west London, the son of a metal merchant in the City. From Westminster School he won an open exhibition to Wadham College, Oxford, to read Mods and Greats. He went up to Wadham in 1948 after serving for three years in the Royal Artillery — but stayed in Oxford for only four terms. He left without taking his degree after already being accepted for the Civil Service and entered the Ministry of Transport in 1949.

He was secretary of the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee between 1953 and 1957, then private secretary to the Transport Minister Ernest Marples, 1961-62, and was promoted to under-secretary six years later. Between 1969 and 1971 he also served as chairman of the Association of the First Division of the Civil Service — the senior civil servants' trade union.

He left the department in 1970 to spend two years in the Treasury, where he made a highly favourable impression and where he might well have remained. But the Transport Ministry was reluctant to let him go and, after three years at the Department of the Environment as a deputy secretary, he returned to his old ministry in 1976. Succeeding to the top job as Permanent Secretary in 1982, he finally left Whitehall in 1985. He was appointed KCB that same year.

Lazarus took on several part-time jobs in his retirement, principally as a director of the Manchester Ship Canal Company and as a member of the Civil Aviation Authority. He also chaired both the Committee for Monitoring Agreements on Tobacco Advertising and Sponsorship for a number of years and the *Herald of Free Enterprise* Disaster Fund — established after the ferry foundered off Zeebrugge eight years ago. He also belonged to the RAC advisory committee and in private life attended symphony concerts and the opera.

But his chief interest outside Whitehall remained his work as a leading member of British Jewry. After serving twice as chairman of the St John's Wood Synagogue Council, 1972-75 and 1987-92, he was made a president in 1994 and in 1987 accepted the post of commandant of the Jewish Lads and Girls Brigade.

He was essentially a serious, private man who always looked slightly older than he was. Stocky, bespectacled and prematurely bald, and rarely seen outside a three-piece suit, he looked like the archetypal senior civil servant and could seem an intimidating figure to young subordinates.

But, in spite of his sober expression and demeanour, Peter Lazarus had a lively sense of humour and enjoyed being teased. He liked to say that he used only red tape of the very highest quality. Nor was there any doubting his ability. His clear and incisive mind and immense energy meant that nearly ever committee that he joined swiftly made him chairman.

He was also a civil servant who had quite strong opinions of his own. Although a Conservative, with a capital "C" as well as a small one, he was unhappy about the present Government's privatisation plans for the railways and actively resented the low level of subsidies provided for the railways by Magaret Thatcher's administration.

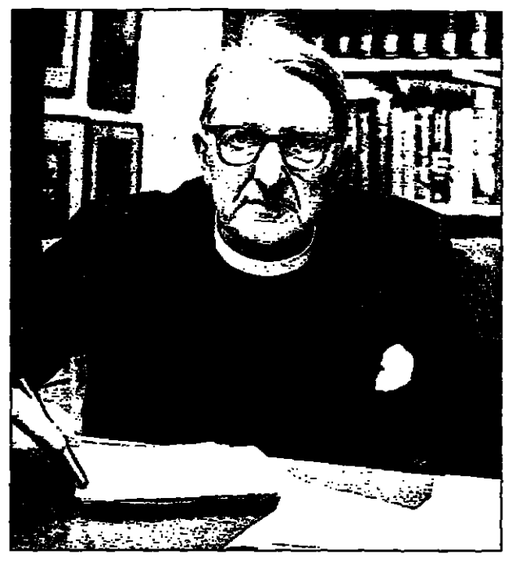
In his retirement, he wrote several trenchant letters to *The Times* expressing his views and making clear his belief in a properly funded public service for rail commuters. He also used the memorial service for the late Sir Robert Reid, former chairman of British Rail, to make similar points.

Peter Lazarus was very fond of, and knowledgeable about, the life and verse of the poet Robert Browning. He was a devoted family man.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, whom he married at the age of 24 and with whom he celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary four years ago, and by their three sons.

THE VERY REV RONALD SELBY WRIGHT

The Very Rev Ronald Selby Wright, CVO, Minister of the *Canongate, Edinburgh*, 1936-77, and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of *Scotland, 1972-73, died on* October 24 aged 87. He *was born on June 12*, 1908.



ONCE very much a household name, Ronald Selby Wright was a Scottish churchman who, especially during the years of the Second World War, gained a wide celebrity from his broadcasts on religous themes. He became known, along with Canon W. H. Elliott of St Michael's, Chester Square, as the "radio padre". His editing of a series of bestselling books, entitled *Asking Them Questions*, drew forth answers on theological and ethical issues from a considerable range of thinkers.

For all except a very brief period as an assistant minister at Glasgow Cathedral and wartime service as an army chaplain, Edinburgh was the scene of his life and he came to have a very special place in the religious life of the city.

Ronald William Vernon Selby Wright was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Melville College and at Edinburgh University, which gave him an honorary DD in 1956. He was student-assistant minister of St Giles Cathedral, and then from 1936 to retirement in 1977 minister of the historic Canongate, the Kirk of Holyroodhouse, further down the Royal Mile.

His very special ministry was as warden of the boys' club successively linked with the Cathedral of St Giles and the Canongate, an office which he was to occupy for fifty years from 1927. He had begun the work as a young student and quickly discovered a genius for work with boys (his radio work owed much to his listening to the kind of questions asked in his club). For many years he was a very welcome visitor to several English public schools. He was also for two separate periods — 1957-60 and 1979-83 — chaplain to Fettes College, and always kept in close touch with the life of the school.

Tony Blair is said to have come under his influence in the 1960s when, as a Fettes schoolboy, he went as a voluntary helper to one of the summer camps regularly run by Selby Wright for the Canongate Boys' Club. He was recently recalled by his spiritual mentor as being "a boy of very strong principles".

During his long life Selby Wright received a number of honours. He was a chaplain or extra chaplain to the Queen from 1961 until his death, and was appointed CVO in 1968. He was chaplain to the Governor of Edinburgh Castle from 1937 to 1991. In 1972, rather belatedly, he was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

He was unmarried.

WILLIAM DICKSON



William Dickson, finance *director of Granada* Television, 1976-82, died *on October 22 aged 72.* He was born on November 21, 1922.

FOR two decades William Dickson presided over the financial affairs of Granada Television, working in close partnership with Sir Denis Forman, who was first managing director and later chairman. It was largely owing to Dickson that Granada became the independent television company not only most renowned for its programmes but also, by a comfortable margin, the most profitable.

William Dickson was born in Southwick in Sunderland and remained a Wearsider at heart throughout his life. He was educated at Mountwearmouth School and early in the war joined the RAF. On demobilisation he decided to become a chartered accountant and served his articles with the firm of Laverick Walton.

Once qualified, he joined Peat Marwick and in the course of his duties he found himself carrying out the Granada audit. Here he was spotted by the then finance director and was recruited as his number two in February 1956, three months before Granada first went on the air, taking over as number one in 1962. He was appointed company secretary in 1968 and finance director in 1976, which post he held until his retirement in 1982.

Within Granada Bill Dickson installed a system of simple but effective controls which, coupled with an unremitting campaign against waste and an ability to detect and scotch any tendencies towards extravagance, ensured a tightly-run ship. But he was not one of those finance directors who believe that cost-cutting and instant profitability are the only road to success. He was "a long-termist", always ready to write off large sums against a *World in Action* project that never reached the screen, or to encourage expenditure on any form of experimental programme in the belief that only by spending money in this way could Granada retain the freshness and vigour of its programme output.

He supported with equanimity the investment of more than £2 million in the series *The Jewel in the Crown* before it had gained any outside sponsorship and which would have led to calamitous losses had not an American oil company agreed to underwrite the production.

By the mid-1960s he had become a central figure in the financial affairs of the industry, chairing several committees and acting as a consultant and adviser to the IBA on matters such as the Television Levy. Under his influence many improvements were made in the system which were favourable to the companies collectively, and never least to Granada. All of this he did in an open and direct style which won him many friends.

It is rare in any company for a finance director to double as an honorary personnel officer but this is what Bill Dickson became. Any member of the staff with a financial or personal problem was likely to find their way to his office, where they could be certain of a sympathetic hearing and some sound practical advice. He retired at the age of 60 in 1982 and devoted the rest of his life to charitable works.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

EMILE JONAISSAINT

Emile Jonaissaint, *former President of* Haiti, died on October 24 aged 82. He was born in 1913.

A FRAIL puppet manipulated by a ruthless military regime, Emile Jonaissaint played the role of President of Haiti for the brief period from May 11 1994 to September 17 of that same year. After years of corruption, repression and inequality in Haiti under the dictatorship of the Duvaliers — first Papa Doc and then, for a further 15 years, Baby Doc — ending only in 1986, Haiti had gone through several attempts at civilian democracy, each being terminated after a brief tenure by a military coup.

The most recent such seizure was in September 1991 when a coup d'état by Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras forced President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to flee his country. The United States and the Organisation of American States responded with a prolonged but largely ineffectual trade embargo, but in May 1994 Cédras made an effort to capitulate to democratic pressures by his nomination to the presidency of Jonaissaint.

This move was greeted with disdain and protest by the Clinton Administration. In April 1994 a UN resolution was passed which led to Jonaissaint stepping down and a bloodless return to democracy.

Emile Jonaissaint was born in Port-au-Prince. He was a mulatto, though his skin was definitely on the side of dark. In a country where degrees of negritude are closely observed, his privileged upbringing and close and profitable associations with a white élite were felt by a largely black underclass to amount to a betrayal.

Trained as an attorney, he began his political career as a senator during the 1950s' military dictatorship of General Paul Magloire. It was a period of instability. Haiti's future was clouded by rising turbulence in the Dominican Republic and by the growing appeal of Castro in Cuba.

Although Jonaissaint withdrew from politics during the 1957-86 Duvalier dictatorship, he returned to the political stage after Baby Doc fled. In 1986, at the age of 63, he became president of the constituent assembly, which drafted a new Haitian constitution. This was ratified in March 1987. Yet it was this constitution which Jonaissaint was later to subvert.

In 1990 Jean-Bertrand Aristide, leader of the National Front for Change and Democracy, won a free presidential election and launched



an anti-corruption campaign intended to strip power from remaining Duvalier supporters and purge his country of military might. Jonaissaint, a member of the wealthy élite, would have represented all that the young populist Aristide opposed. In 1991 he was ordered to retire from the Supreme Court, ostensibly because of his age. But that same year Cédras commandeered political power and Aristide was deposed.

Jonaissaint was already an old man when he was nominated President of Haiti in 1994. Many remember the day he was sworn in. Crowds gathered outside the Haitian National Assembly witnessed a cortège of Land Cruisers draw screeching to a halt, and a decrepit old man, badly shaken by a rough ride, was virtually carried into the building by military henchmen.

Jonaissaint never gave the impression of relishing his role, nor were any allegations of financial corruption ever substantiated. Yet as de facto President he was nonetheless responsible in part for the continuation of brutal human rights abuses and for the perversion of his nation's constitution.

Instilled with the deep-rooted superstitions of his people, he believed himself astrologically destined to govern. Under his presidency Haiti's poorly equipped and inadequately trained army was expanded by a rapid recruitment programme. In May 1994 he announced a drastic extension of his powers, declaring that as well as the presidency he would also take on the role of Prime Minister.

Even as the threat of a US military invasion menaced, Jonaissaint remained adamant. He accused President Clinton of threatening Haiti for domestic political reasons. In response to the passing of a UN resolution to back the use of force to topple the Haitian Government, Jonaissaint invoked voodoo spirits and declared a state of siege: "We can't back off . . . we have protectors," he proclaimed.

On September 17, with a US-led multinational force poised to attack, a delegation headed by Jimmy Carter arrived in a last-ditch effort to persuade the regime to step down. Jonaissaint capitulated the next day. US forces landed without resistance and Aristide was eventually restored to the presidency.

Jonaissaint lived his last months quietly. He kept a low profile, yet seemed unrepentant. Haitians recognised that he had only played the *papel de payaso*, the role of the clown, and they bore him few grudges. The Americans realised he was no threat.

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Palgrave's Golden Treasury, perhaps the best-known anthology of poetry in the English language, is more than 100 years old. Recent editions have included works by many modern poets.

DEATH OF MR. PALGRAVE.

We regret to announce that the illness of Mr. Francis Turner Palgrave, which we mentioned last week, *terminated fatally on Sunday.* Mr. Palgrave was seized in London not ten days ago with an attack of paralysis of the brain, and from the first it was feared that he would scarcely recover. He was in his 74th year.

In losing Mr. Palgrave the world of letters is the poorer for a man who, while not himself a great poet, had done more than anyone else of his time, with the exception of Mr. Matthew Arnold, to guide the public taste to what is best in poetic literature. His own verse was graceful and scholarly rather than impassioned or powerful, and, though it would certainly have marked him out as a writer of some distinction and genuine poetic feeling, would never have gained for him the position he attained by other means. This means, it is hardly necessary to say, was his labour in making the beautiful selection from the songs and lyrics of English poets, known as "The Golden Treasury." The first part of this work, published in 1861, is universally known as the most masterly anthology of its kind that has been made, while the second series, published only within the last fortnight, engaged Mr. Palgrave's careful attention up to almost the last days of his life. The original "Golden Treasury" more than deserved its title and has won the widest appreciation and fame. It has gone through many editions and is still held in as much regard as ever. This work, even had he published nothing else, would have cemented his reputation for taste and judgement, though it should, nevertheless, be remembered that he enjoyed the great advantage of Tennyson's constant help and advice. We know from the lately-published Life and Letters of the great Laureate how appreciative and discriminating a critic he was of the poetry of his predecessors, and it is well to bear this in mind when complaint is made that "The Golden Treasury" contained too much Wordsworth and some not of the finest quality. But this first venture in the difficult field of selection was far from being the only debt under which Mr. Palgrave has laid all lovers of poetry and all who rejoice in seeing the lessons of appreciation and discrimination well taught. "The Golden Treasury" (which, by the way, has given the name to a whole series of anthologies and selections with which the house of Macmillan has enriched the bookshelves of the present generation) was followed by the "Children's Treasury"—a delightful collection—and by the "Treasury of English Sacred Poetry." To the task of compiling the latter volume the editor brought rather a special qualification, for he numbered among his original contributions to poetic literature a little book of hymns, brought out in 1867.

Of Mr. Palgrave's career, apart from his literary achievements, there is not a great deal to tell. Born in 1824, the eldest son of Sir Francis Palgrave he went from Charterhouse to Oxford as a scholar of Balliol, obtained a first-class in *Literæ Humaniores* in 1847, and was elected to a Fellowship at Exeter College. In 1846, before taking his degree, the brilliant young Oxford man became one of Mr. Gladstone's assistant-private secretaries, and in 1850 he was appointed vice-principal of the Training School at Kneller Hall. Here he stayed from 1850 until 1855, when he became an examiner and an assistant secretary in the Education Office. This post he held for close on 30 years, and when at length he gained more leisure it was only to devote himself to the duties of Professor of Poetry at Oxford.

Mr. Palgrave married a daughter of the late Mr. Milnes-Gaskell, M.P.

Britain's £1bn tourist winners

SPENDING at UK tourist attractions topped £1 billion for the first time last year, it was announced this week. Improvements at well-established attractions and the arrival of new tourist sites helped the 1994 spending figure to increase by 5 per cent over 1993, a survey by the UK's four national tourist boards in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland showed.

The top attraction charging admission last year was Alton Towers theme park in Staffordshire, which

BY PETER WOODMAN

had 3.01 million visitors, many attracted by the £12 million the owners spent on new facilities.

The park increased its lead over Madame Tussaud's waxworks museum in London, which had 2.63 million visitors in 1994, and also over the Tower of London, which attracted 2.40 million people. London Zoo, saved from closure by Middle Eastern money, saw a 21 per cent increase in the number of visitors to 1.04 million.

Extended opening hours and new galleries helped the National Portrait Gallery in London to increase the numbers of visitors by 71 per cent to 1.04 million. The 50th anniversary of D-Day last year helped the D-Day Museum in Portsmouth, Hampshire, to more than double the number of its visitors to 170,934.

Dover Museum's decision to offer a combined entrance ticket to cover both the museum and the White Cliffs Experience led to a 249 per cent increase in tourist numbers to 141,000.

There were also big rises in the number of tourists visiting Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, Blackpool Tower and Thorpe Park in Surrey.

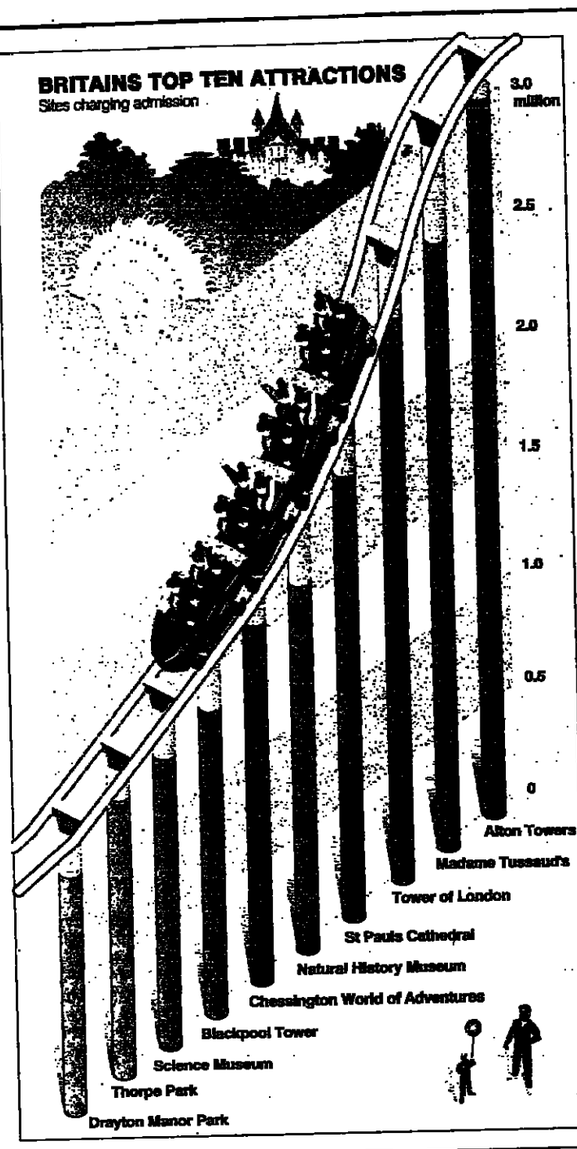
People were only too glad to "go through customs" at the Anything to Declare Customs and Excise National Museum in Liverpool, which attracted 312,000 visitors in its first year.

The top free admission attraction was once again Blackpool Pleasure Beach (7.2 million). The top garden was Tropical World in Leeds, which increased its number of visitors by 13 per cent to 1.23 million.

There were 387 million visits to tourist attractions in 1994 — 2 per cent up on the 1993 figure. Almost three-quarters of the visits were accounted for by just six categories — historic properties (79 million visits), museums (60 million), country parks (57 million), leisure parks (40.5 million), wildlife attractions (23 million) and art galleries (20.5 million).

SUCCESS OF BRITISH TOURISM

- The average adult admission charge in 1994 was £2.32. Prices ranged from £1.72 at museums to £5.47 at leisure parks.
- For the fifth year running, farm attractions achieved the fastest growth rate in visits — up 6 per cent to 8.3 million.
- Overseas visitors accounted for 19 per cent of all visits to attractions in 1994.
- Children make up 32 per cent of all visitors and prefer trips to farms and leisure parks rather than gardens and workplaces.
- An estimated 89,100 people are employed by UK tourist attractions, with the help of 55,000 volunteers.
- The average number of annual visitors to leisure parks was 533,000 and total visits to these parks were up 3 per cent.
- The 84 attractions opening for the first time last year had a total of 2.42 million visitors. At least 47 per cent of all attractions have opened since 1980; 26 per cent of attractions were full for at least one day in 1994 compared with 24 per cent in 1993.
- Top country park last year was Strathclyde Country Park in Scotland with 4.3 million visitors.
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway topped the steam railways list with 250,000 visitors.
- Top attractions for overseas visitors last year were historic properties, followed by wildlife sites.



In the steps of Pavarotti

THE Grosvenor Hotel in Chester is offering a £30 per person special Sunday night rate — instead of the usual price of £70 — until Christmas. To qualify, guests have to stay on Saturday night as well. The hotel recently had opera singer Luciano Pavarotti as a guest and provided the catering from its Michelin-starred restaurant for his private jet. His order: consommé, lobster, breast of chicken, D'Anphinoise potatoes and Häagen-Dazs ice-cream. Details: 01244 324024.

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☐ PRIVATE fax machines have now been installed in all 156 bedrooms at Forte's Hotel Ritz in Madrid. Guests get a personal number to ensure privacy, and a delay feature to stop receiving faxes at night. The hotel has also just reopened its bar after being closed for 11 years. The new bar was designed by architect Alain Mertens. Details: 0800 40 40 40.

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☐ VISITORS to New Zealand's Marlborough wine region — which includes vineyards such as Cloudy Bay and Montana — can stay in a new luxury hotel, The Marlborough. Each room is named after a local winery and the minibar is stocked with its wines. Details: 01327 718181.

☐ LONDON's Ritz Hotel is offering a new Jazz Brunch (to a harp and flute ensemble) on Sunday mornings until 1.30pm in its Palm Court Lounge. The new menu, costing £19.50 per person, ranges from traditional English breakfast to sliced beef fillet with lobster. Details: 0171-493 8181. The Park Lane Hotel in London also this week launched a special food and wine promotion from the Burgundy region. Wines are supplied by Maison Louis Latour. The event lasts until November 19. Details: 0171-499 6321.

☐ THE new £17 million Chiva-Sum International Health Resort Hotel in Thailand's coastal town of Hua-Hin is offering a special introductory package for UK visitors until the end of March next year of £1,299 per person for four nights, including flights and health facilities. The resort, which claims to be Asia's first dedicated health spa, bases its health philosophy on Buddhist teachings. Details from: Silverbird Travel: 0181-875 9090.

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City breaks enjoy a boom

By Harvey Elliott

THE opening of Eurostar rail services from Waterloo has turned Brussels and Bruges into two of the most popular and romantic cities in Europe. More and more Britons, particularly couples, are taking short weekend breaks away from their children.

Brussels has leapt to fourth place from eighth in the top ten table of most-visited cities, according to Cresta Holidays, the market leader, and Bruges is now in ninth place compared with 14th last year.

The boom in short city breaks, which began two years ago, is continuing and more than 500,000 people are this year expected to spend two or three nights, mainly at weekends, in cities from New York to Istanbul.

In an attempt to cash in on the growing popularity of short breaks, Thomson is offering a range of excursions and attractions, including an audience with the Pope for £17 a head, a tour of the Paris sewers for £4 a person and a balloon ride over Tuscany from Sienna — the price to be decided at the time depending on the number of people booking and weather conditions.

Such excursions are proving particularly attractive, but they are shunned by Cresta, which believes that its clients would prefer to be entirely free to make their own arrangements. Steve Kimber, the managing director of Cresta, says: "Most of our customers are business travellers, who are used to getting around on their own. We certainly would not dream of taking them in a coach to one hotel after another and offering pre-bookable excursions.

"These are professional people, usually travelling as a couple, who want to be free to be alone, to travel to their hotel by taxi, to make their own arrangements and who realise that it is as easy to book a particular trip from a hotel concierge if they wish."

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10 Madrid

Source: Cresta Holidays

Thomson disagrees. "There are many concerts, operas, exhibitions and events that are much better booked, with guaranteed seats," a Thomson spokesman says.

"We are certainly not trying to 'Benidormise' the cities by packaging them as we would a seaside resort. But we do believe in giving people as much information and help as we can while they are in a city."

The growth in demand in city breaks — whether including a tour or not — is now so great that travel companies believe they can increase some prices by up to 8 per cent and still increase bookings by 15 per cent next year.

Mr Kimber says: "The city break market is now coming to maturity. It took us five years to persuade people that there was somewhere beyond Paris. But now people seem to want to 'collect' city breaks like stamps. Once they've been to the usual Amsterdam, Paris and Brussels, they move on and try somewhere new such as Prague, Madrid, Venice, Istanbul, Copenhagen or Dublin."

Thomson, which does not include Brussels in its city break brochure, says that most of its clients are couples who leave the children behind while they take a romantic break, often turning the Eurostar service under the Channel to Paris into "the tunnel of love".

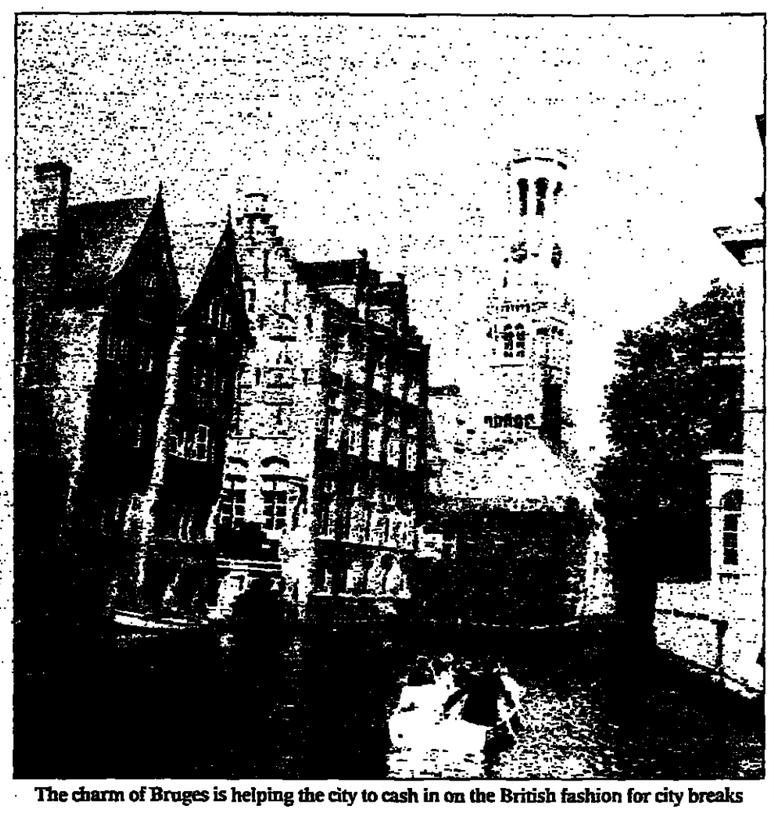
Thomson adds: "Many of our customers are couples on weekend breaks ranging in price from £99 to £999 as special treats for birthdays, anniveraries or even to propose engagement or marriage.

"It is all very romantic and the added attraction of booking — perhaps as a surprise — a ball in Vienna, a Mozart concert in Salzburg or a Sunday brunch after a church service in Harlem, New York, just adds to the appeal."

Paris remains by far the most popular city break destination and Eurostar has strengthened its appeal still further.

A typical three-night break in Bruges costs £226 a person including a Eurostar return and accommodation in a two-star hotel. The price is higher — £256 — if travelling by air.

Add-on rail journeys are available from most main English cities for £13 or £19 from Scotland.



The charm of Bruges is helping the city to cash in on the British fashion for city breaks

Time to share



The Travel Business
HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE GERMANS appear to have developed a supremely cynical view of timeshare.

According to a detailed survey of 10,000 timeshare owners with properties in the Canary Islands, little more than half the Germans questioned were satisfied with their investment, compared with as many as 80 per cent of Britons. Indeed, only 30 per cent of those German families who had bought their share of a small one-bedroom property now thought they had done the right thing.

Whether this is because the German holidaymaker gets a genuinely worse deal than his British counterpart is unclear. But whatever, the industry still has a lot to do to polish up its tarnished image.

The Timeshare Council, a body made up of most of the major British operators, has recently appointed Neil Cooper, former sales and marketing director of Eurotunnel, as its chief executive to do just that in Britain.

When I met him he was open, straight-forward and clearly convinced that timeshare is the most cost-effective way of providing a guaranteed quality holiday in a luxurious apartment or villa for up to 80 years.

The figures he produced were impressive, the "resorts" undoubtedly well equipped and the vast majority of British timeshare buyers are, it seems, satisfied with their investment. And yet, why do I still have this lurking suspicion about the whole concept?

The average cost of building each holiday home is £120,000. They are then sold in 52 week-long packages costing an average of £5,000 each for a typical two-bedroom property. The timeshare buyer, having spent the initial £5,000, then has to pay for all flights and car hire, plus a once a year payment for maintenance and insurance.

It is clearly not cheap. But the concept, which began in America in the mid-1970s, has now become one of the fastest growing sectors of international tourism. There are more than 4,000 resorts around the world with over three million households owning shares.

The industry is now moving into new destinations, opening offices in Russia, India, Israel and Finland.

The facts and figures go on endlessly, all apparently proving that timeshare is the holiday of the future.

But people, including me, still hesitate. The survey showed that 53 per cent of those questioned did so because they had heard something negative about timeshare and 43 per cent objected to sales pressure.

Logic clearly says that timeshare is good. But perhaps those "timeshare touts" that plagued the beaches have poisoned its image forever.

Exodus of the elephants

By Steve Keenan

KENYA is relocating elephants within the country to help to reduce the pressure of tourist vehicles in its game reserves.

The sight of dozens of minibuses converging on a single animal has become common in Kenya's 56 parks and reserves, particularly in the Masai Mara and the south of the country. But 75 per cent of Kenya's wildlife is outside protected areas, and tourism officials hope that safaris can be encouraged away from the parks.

The plan coincides with a recovery in elephant numbers, up from 17,000 in 1989 to 25,000 and increasing by 1,000 a year. Rhinoceros populations have also recovered. From a level of 20,000 in 1970, the numbers have slumped to 350 in the past decade. There are now 450, rising by 5 per cent a year.

Meanwhile, poaching has been virtually wiped out. From 1970 to 1988, an average of 6,000 animals were killed annually. But in 1993, the figure was 58; in 1994, 53, and numbers are down this year.

The recovery in wildlife has renewed the human-wildlife conflict, particularly around settlements where elephants are seen as a problem. So they are being relocated. A six-ton bull elephant and, last week for the first time, a family of five, have been moved.

But by encouraging landowners to operate safaris, the elephants and game could be an attraction. David Western, the Kenya Wildlife Service's director, said: "Landowners have put in bids for some of those elephants to become an attraction on their land.

"We are at a turning point in our tourism industry and we have to look ahead. Having 50 minibuses around a single lion is the tourism of the present, but it cannot and should not be the future of tourism in Kenya.

"If we can encourage the local landowner, it will conserve parks and prevent their becoming mega-zoos. The last thing the tourist wants to see is fenced-off parks.

"We can keep them open if we involve local landowners, so they benefit from tourism and become custodians. It will break the logjam of large numbers of vehicles around every predator.

"If wildlife can be turned to profit for the landowner, the landowner will be the main beneficiary."

The UK is the biggest tourism market for Kenya. Last year, 863,000 Britons, most combining beach holidays with safaris, visited.

At a seminar in London, tourism officials played down safety fears, claiming that only ten reported thefts from tourists in the past four years. They also announced plans for a tourist police force.



Under tourist pressure: the elephants are being relocated

Disney eyes London stage

By David Churchill

DISNEY is planning to buy a major London theatre to act as a showcase for its award-winning Broadway musical *Beauty and the Beast*.

The move follows Disney's brief acquisition of New York's famous New Amsterdam Theatre, which it plans to renovate after being closed for the past 20 years.

Disney is searching for a permanent London home for its musicals because it believes that it can emulate the success of Andrew Lloyd Webber's many musicals. "British productions have dominated American musical theatre for years," said Robert McTyre, vice-president of Disney Theatrical Productions. He believes that *Beauty and the Beast* — which is running in both New York and Los Angeles and is shortly to open in 12 other US cities — is a success both for Disney and for American theatre.

Disney executives have been keen to bring the New York production of *Beauty* to London for some time, but have been unable to find a suitable theatre. London is seen as a key city for a permanent showcase as the UK accounts for some 30 per cent of all overseas visitors to the Disney theme parks in the US. Disney may chose to renovate an existing theatre, as it is doing in New York, or even build a theatre from scratch.

The Walt Disney Company already claims to be the world's largest theatrical business, because of the number of shows it puts on at its theme parks. It has more than 1,000 full-time singers and dancers, for example, in shows on at its Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.

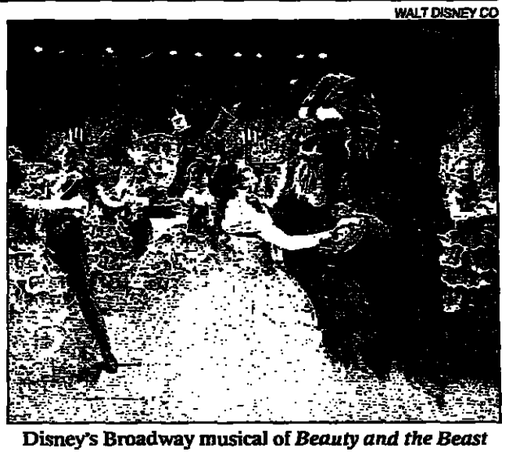
It is also expected to turn its latest animated film, *Pocahontas*, into a Broadway muscial to replace *Beauty and the Beast*.

Meanwhile, one of its oldest and most famous characters has caused some recent embarrassment at its Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. Threats of litigation have forced it substantially to revise and tone down its popular Snow White attraction in the Magic Kingdom Theme Park.

According to Bob Selhinger, author of the *Unofficial Guide to Disney World*: "We get more mail from our readers about this attraction than any other Disney ride. In short, it terrifies a lot of kids aged six and under." He adds that many readers report that their small children will not ride any attraction that operates in the dark after experiencing the Snow White ride.

The problem was that the Wicked Witch was too scary and Snow White did not appear herself at all throughout the ride — the attraction is seen through her eyes. But it has now been changed to introduce an audio-animatronic figure of her, with the witch's role substantially played down. A special sign outside the attraction also warns parents that the ride can still be frightening.

WALT DISNEY CO



Disney's Broadway musical of *Beauty and the Beast*

Germans take most trips

THE GERMANS travel the most, the Japanese abroad are the biggest spenders and the United States cashes the most tourist dollars, according to a report from the World Tourism Organisation.

Germans embarked on more than 77 million foreign trips in 1994, followed by the Americans with 44.3 million and the British with 38.8 million.

The Japanese led the list of big spenders with an average $2,261 per trip, followed by Australians with $1,843, and the Norwegians and South Koreans with an average of $1,660.

The most thrifty nationals are the Spanish ($350), the Mexicans ($454), and the British, who part with a meagre $470 each time they travel to foreign climes.

France has the most tourists in the world, attracting 60 million international visitors, followed by the United States, Spain and Italy.

In Asia, the leaders are China, then Hong Kong and Malaysia, while in the Middle East, Egypt tops the chart. South Africa leads in its continent, and Mexico is the number one tourist destination in Latin America.

The United States earns the most from tourism, with $60 billion compared with $24 billion for France in second place.

Jersey to boost visitors

By Steeve Keenan

JERSEY is to spend nearly £50 million on tourism-related facilities to try to reverse five years of declining visitor figures.

The Channel Island has seen visitor numbers fall by 20 per cent since 1990. 115 guest houses and hotels have closed and tourism revenue lost to the island amounts to £250 million for the period.

The UK accounts for four out of five visitors, the majority being families and couples on summer holidays. This year, Jersey expects 520,000 UK visitors — more than the number of UK holidaymakers to Portugal or Turkey.

But one of Britain's biggest tour operators, Sunset, is considering withdrawing a Jersey programme after one year and just 3,500 holidays sold.

And a recent report for Jersey's Tourism Committee has given warning: "Trade from the UK is under increasing threat, mainly because it is difficult for Jersey to compete with some of the keenly priced offers.

"Research suggests that price is a key issue in the holiday decision — what you pay for is what you get. People expect Jersey to be cheaper because it is closer."

The report concludes: "The quality of the holiday experience must be improved or the island will lose further tourism business."

As a result of the crisis, the States of Jersey Government has taken a number of initiatives to boost its ailing tourism industry.

It has put aside £10 million for tourism facilities, to include an indoor leisure pool in the capital, St Helier. A fourth golf course, maritime museum and upgrading of the Fort Regent leisure centre are also mooted.

The drive to improve facilities coincides with captial investment programmes which will also benefit tourism. Work starts on a new £23 million airport terminal in January, while a £15 million marina should be ready for next summer.

Tourism still accounts for 28 per cent of Jersey's income. But its importance has been overshadowed in recent years by financial services, which account for 60 per cent of income. Island politicians admit that tourism investment has been ignored.

"There is no doubt tourism has been neglected by the States — that is why the £10 million is such a breakthrough. It has been the shot in the arm we needed, and is the difference between a future and stagnation," said Senator Dick Shenton, president of the island's tourism committee.

With such a small population (84,000), politicians are acutely aware of local sensitivity about tourism. One research finding that Jersey could house a Sega games centre is highly unlikely to proceed.

Equally controversial is a suggestion that the ageing Fort Regent leisure centre be a focus for wet weather tourism facilities. The Government-owned centre is 20 years old, and loses £2 million a year.

But new tourism attractions at the fort could mean sports facilities, used by locals, being forced elsewhere. The debate will go on into next year.

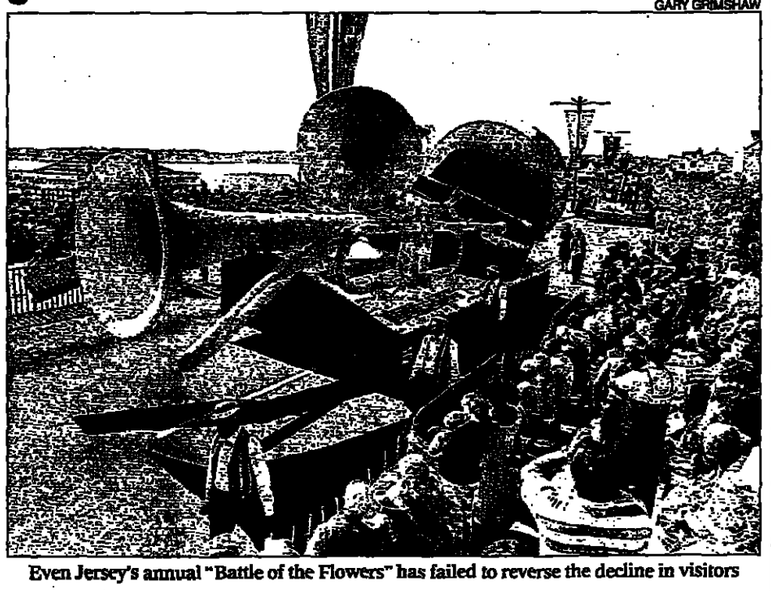
The hoteliers have been particularly hard hit by the tourism downturn. The 350 guest-houses and hotels, mostly family-owned businesses, made less than £10 million profit between them this summer, a quarter of profits in the good years, which leaves little for further investment in refurbishment.

Prices have been depressed to average £35 per person for bed, breakfast and dinner in peak summer. The loss of nine hotels and 106 guest-houses means the island's bed stock is the lowest for ten years.

Unsurprisingly, the Hotel and Guest House Association is wary of government plans to attract an internationally known hotel brand to St Helier, fearing further dilution of revenues. It would prefer a casino or conference centre.

But association president Renzo Martin remains upbeat. "We have lost a few beds but they were mainly at the bottom end. With the present climate, people have improved existing rooms rather than add extra ones. The boom of the late 1980s couldn't go on for ever."

GARY GRIMSHAW



Even Jersey's annual "Battle of the Flowers" has failed to reverse the decline in visitors

Swim the Chaplin way

TWO OF the team who make the Grand Hôtel du Cap Ferrat one of the most exclusive areas of the French Riviera will be in London over the next couple of weeks, *Ian Murray writes*.

Jean Claude Guillon, a Michelin-starred chef, arrives at The Berkeley Restaurant in Wilton Place on Monday as visiting cook for a week.

The following week, Pierre Gruneberg, the hotel's swimming instructor who taught Picasso and Chaplin to swim, makes one of his regular teaching visits to England. From November 6 to 8 he will be at the Lygon Arms in Broadway and from November 9 to 11 he will be at the Savoy. Individual lessons cost £1 a minute.

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NEWS

Lilley moves to slash rent subsidy

■ State subsidies for the rents of some of Britain's poorest people will be slashed under plans drawn up by Peter Lilley to curb his £85 billion social security budget.

The Social Security Secretary has asked local authorities to stop topping up welfare payments from January 1 to new claimants whose housing benefit does not cover the rents charged by landlords, apart from in strictly defined cases of "exceptional hardship" Page 1

Labour to have lessons in leadership

■ Tony Blair is so concerned at the lack of ministerial experience among his frontbenchers that he is sending them back to an Oxford business school to learn how to run the country. They will attend a weekend course entitled "The management of changing government" Page 1

£9m divorcee appeals

The divorced wife of one of the world's wealthiest men has won leave to appeal against a £9 million divorce payout because it is not enough to keep her in her accustomed manner Page 1

Child B named

Child B, who was denied leukaemia treatment by a health authority, has been named as Jaymee Bowen, aged 11 Page 1

Gays lobby Church

Gay activists claim to have the support of a quarter of the newly-elected General Synod of the Church of England and will make demands for the Church to marry homosexuals and ordain practising homosexual clergy Page 2

Mother poisoned girl

A woman was convicted of poisoning her four-year-old daughter by feeding her a massive overdose of anti-depressant tablets Page 3

West dental evidence

A photograph of Rosemary West's seven-year-old stepdaughter dominated her trial as the prosecution called a dental expert to try to prove her responsible for the child's murder Page 4

Police under fire

Four police forces in areas with high levels of violent crime were branded as among the worst at catching the culprits Page 5

Price of justice

People involved in civil disputes could face a daily court "hearing" fee under proposals being considered in Whitehall Page 6

Asylum clampdown

Michael Howard defended a tough package of proposals designed to clamp down on bogus asylum applications as opponents accused him of playing the race card Page 10

Palestinians rejoice

A huge party erupted on the streets of Jenin in the West Bank as thousands of Arabs marked the beginning of the end of nearly three decades of Israeli military rule Page 12

Suicide note 'forged'

The "suicide note" discovered in Vincent Foster's briefcase after the deputy White House counsel's death was a forgery, a leading British handwriting expert has claimed Page 13

Role for Russians

The United States and Russia are working on a formula that would allow Russian troops to work independently from Nato in Bosnia Page 14

EU stays closed book

After protests, the Danish European Commissioner for the Environment has halted the publication of a Brussels diary in which she lambasts fellow Eurocrats Page 15

BBC prejudices end of Pride

■ For half the country, it is a story that reaches its denouement on Sunday. The other half have known the ending since schooldays. But for those in doubt over how Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* finishes, the *Radio Times* gives the plot away this week. It has pictures of the wedding of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr Darcy in the BBC production Page 5

DYLAN MARTINEZ



Sir Cliff Richard shows off his medal as he leaves Buckingham Palace after receiving his knighthood from the Queen yesterday

BUSINESS

British Gas: British Gas shares dropped to their lowest level of the year after the gas industry regulator said that the company was facing liabilities of more than £1 billion Page 25

Economy: The Government's funding problems that threatened to limit tax cuts in the November Budget eased after a successful auction of £3 billion of gilts Page 25

National Grid: The Government announced the go-ahead for selling off the National Grid Company. Each consumer gets £50 Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 2.5 points to close at 3537.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 83.6 to 83.7 after a fall from $1.5817 to $1.5795 but a rise from DM2.1935 to DM2.2013 Page 28

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Boxing: A 12-point package of safety measures by the British board gives doctors a higher profile during bouts and makes annual brain scans compulsory Page 48

Motor rallying: Colin McRae moved a step closer to becoming the first British world champion after finishing second behind his team-mate, Carlos Sainz, in the Catalonia Rally Page 48

Rugby union: The inaugural European cup tournament has attracted a combined television and sponsorship deal worth more than £20 million over three years Page 45

David Miller: There can be only one realistic choice for a new national stadium, a 21st-century design to be built on the ashes of a demolished Wembley Page 45

Films of the week: Nicole Kidman stars as the TV weather girl with pretensions in the vibrant comedy, *To Die For*, while Steven Seagal saves the world yet again in the Hollywood factory product, *Under Siege 2* Page 37

Job change: The actor Anthony Andrews is back in the cinematic spotlight, but this time he is playing producer, with his new film *Haunted* Page 37

Singing star: There were no airs or graces, just powerful music-making from Alison Moyet in her absorbing Albert Hall gig Page 38

Theatre history: With her RSC production of *The Phoenician Women*, the director Katie Mitchell revives a play that has been underrated for more than 2,000 years Page 39

Vintage performance: Many of the myths of an ancient snobbery have been shattered in Jancis Robinson's 20-year crusade to give wine back to the people Page 17

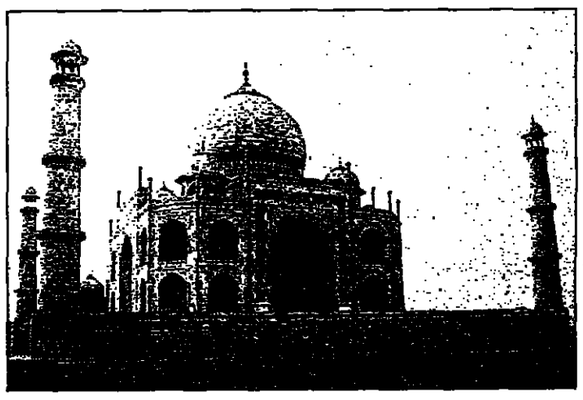
French letters: Roger Scruton on Left Bank intellectuals and Angelica Goodden on Diderot, the first modern art critic Page 40

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Leg pain: Warnings to women on the Pill have focused attention on deep vein thrombosis, Dr Trisha Greenhalgh reports Page 16

The Europeans have no shortage of potential nominees [for Secretary-General of Nato]. Too bad it would probably never come to pass, but the idea of someone like Margaret Thatcher at the helm is highly appealing, even awesome
— Washington Times

Any responsible American has to realize that Russia — not Boris Yeltsin, who is just one man, but Russia — having come down so far and so fast in the world, needs careful handling
— The Washington Post



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There are pockets of urban life in Britain that are now ruled by tribes of pre-pubescent children who are completely beyond the control of the adult community Page 18

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

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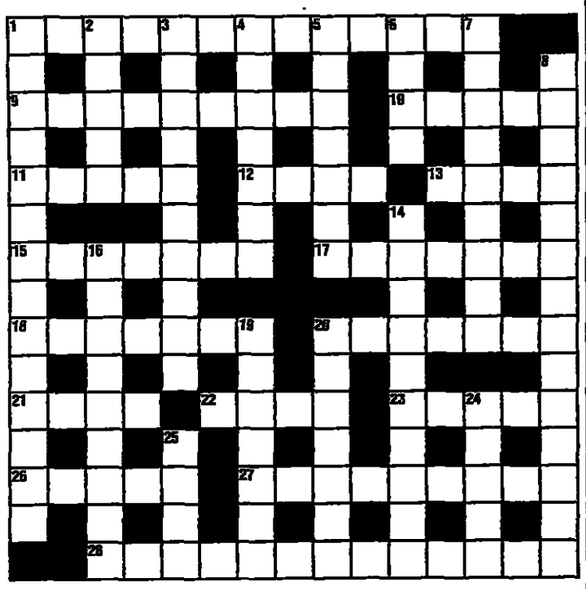
JOHN BRYANT

Whenever the building of sports facilities has revitalised a local community and put it on the map, there you will find driving it the local hero, the cult figure. Page 46

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21 It may not have a point, in practice (4).
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Barcelona	23	73	f	Helsinki	10	50	c	
Beirut	26	79	f	Hong K	28	79	f	
Belgrade	15	59	s	Innsbruck	15	59	s	
Berlin	15	59	s	Istanbul	15	59	s	
Bermuda	26	79	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	
Biarritz	17	63	c	Jo'burg	23	73	s	
Bordx'x	17	63	f	Karachi	39	100	s	
Brussels	17	63	f	L Angels	23	73	s	
Budapst	13	55	s	L Palmas	26	79	f	
Cairo	37	99	s	La Toquet	16	61	f	
Cape Tn	X			Lisbon	21	70	c	
Ch'church	X			Locarno	14	57	s	
Chicago	8	46	c	Luxembg	14	57	c	
Cologne	17	63	s	Luxor	34	93	s	
Madrid	18	64	f					
Majorca	29	73	s					
Malaga	22	72	f					
Malta	20	68	s					
Mekk'me	13	55	f					
Mexico C	19	66	f					
Milan	12	54	s					
Montreal	21	70	s					
Moscow	6	43	f					
Munich	16	61	s					
N Delhi	28	82	s					
N York	21	70	c					
Nairobi	X							
Naples	20	68	s					
Nice	19	66	s					
Oslo	11	52	c					
Paris	18	64	f					
Peking	22	72	s					
Perth	23	73	s					
Prague	9	48	s					
Reykjavik	2	36	si					
Rhodes	19	66	f					
Rio de J	25	77	f					
Riyadh	33	91	s					
Rome	19	66	s					
S P'laco	16	61	s					
S Paulo	X							
Salzburg	17	63	s					
Santiago	21	70	s					
Seoul	18	64	s					
Sing'por	28	82	f					
St'kholm	11	52	c					
Strasb'rg	11	52	c					
Sydney	18	64	c					
Tangier	28	79	f					
Tel Aviv	35	95	s					
Tenerife	27	81	f					
Tokyo	23	73	s					
Toronto	16	58	s					
Tunis	22	72	f					
Valencia	28	79	s					
Vanc'ver	11	52	f					
Venice	15	59	s					
Vienna	11	52	s					
Warsaw	11	52	s					
Wash'ton	23	73	s					
Wellington	X							
Zurich	12	54	c					

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

ABROAD

☐ General: England and Wales should start dry and bright with hazy sunshine. Southern counties are likely to cloud over with showers possible during the afternoon. Western areas are also likely to turn more cloudy later in the day. The best of the sunshine will be over northeast England.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a cloudy day with outbreaks of rain. The rain is likely to be heavy at times over the western hills, but more patchy over eastern Scotland. Later in the day, the far northwest of Scotland and westernmost parts of Northern Ireland should become drier.

Windy, generally.

☐ London, SE, Central S, SW England, E Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Isles: Bright at first. Turning cloudier. Showers possible in the afternoon. Wind southerly moderate to fresh. Warm. Max 16C to 18C (61F to 64F).

☐ W Midlands, Cent N, E, NE England: Dry. Some hazy sunshine. Wind southerly moderate to fresh. Warm. Max 16C to 18C (61 to 64F).

☐ Wales, NW England, Lakes, IoM: Mainly dry. Sunny intervals. Cloudier later; patchy rain possible. Wind southerly fresh. Warm. Max 16C to 18C (61F to 64F).

☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen: Cloudy. Rain at times. Wind southerly fresh to strong. Warm. Max 15C to 17C (59F to 63F).

☐ SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Cloudy. Outbreaks of rain, heavy at times. Wind southerly fresh to strong. Max 12C to 15C (54F to 59F).

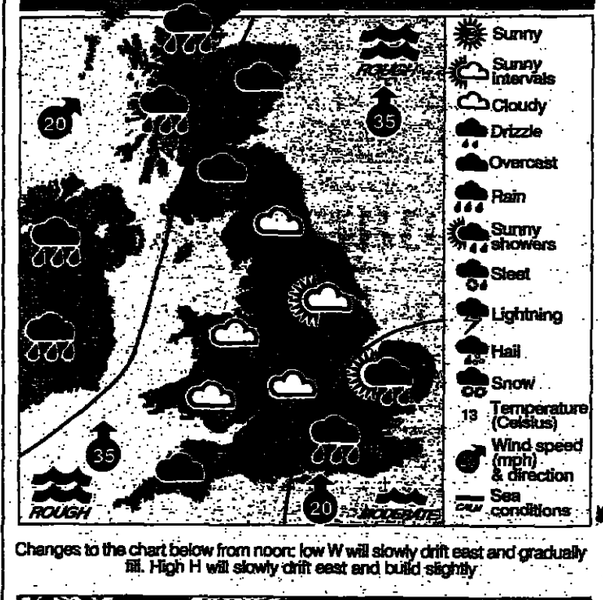
☐ NE, NW Scotland. Cloudy. Outbreaks of rain. Drier later. Wind southwesterly moderate to fresh. Max 11C to 13C (52F to 55F).

☐ Outlook: unsettled, further rain.

ABROAD

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; du=dust storm; dr=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.3	0.38	12	54	s	Llandrindod	6.0	0.33	17	63	sh
Anglesey	5.6	0.10	14	57	sh	Liverpool	6.8	0.31	14	57	s
Aspatria	6.5	0.45	13	55	sh	London	6.2	0.02	16	61	s
Aviemore	4.3	0.31	11	52	sh	Lowestoft	8.4	-	17	63	s
Belfast	3.9	0.14	13	55	sh	Manchester	5.7	0.46	14	57	b
Birmingham	6.5	0.64	14	57	sh	Margate	7.4	0.33	17	63	s
Bognor R	6.0	0.39	18	61	sh	Minehead	7.1	0.69	15	59	s
Blairgowrie	5.3	0.30	16	61	s	Morecambe	4.4	0.21	14	57	h
Bristol	8.3	0.05	16	61	s	Newcastle	7.8	0.09	14	57	s
Buxton	5.5	0.74	11	52	b	Newquay	6.9	0.32	15	59	b
Cardiff	6.4	0.70	15	59	sh	Norwich	8.9	-	16	61	s
Clacton	X					Nottingham	X				
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	8.8	0.31	15	59	s
Colwyn Bay	X					Penzance	X	0.29	16	61	s
Cromer	8.3	-	15	59	s	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	X					Poole	6.4	0.71	17	63	s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X				
Eastbourne	6.0	0.26	X	X	sh	Ross-o-wye	5.7	1.18	14	57	sh
Edinburgh	5.0	0.20	13	55	sh	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	3.5	0.53	11	52	h	Salcombe	7.7	0.15	17	63	s
Exmouth	6.5	0.30	15	59	s	Sandown	4.8	0.23	16	61	sh
Falmouth	6.3	0.60	17	63	s	Saunton Snd	7.0	0.46	16	61	s
Fishguard	7.4	0.26	14	57	sh	Scarboro'	8.1	0.16	13	55	s
Folkestone	6.5	0.07	16	61	sh	Shanklin	X				
Glasgow	2.7	0.85	12	54	t	Shrewsbury	6.6	0.47	14	57	sh
Guernsey	X					Skegness	X				
Hastings	8.3	0.22	16	61	sh	Southend	5.4	-	X	X	s
Heyltag L	5.4	0.30	16	61	sh	Southport	X				
Herne Bay	7.6	0.02	17	63	sh	Southsea	5.8	0.95	15	59	r
Hove	X					St Ives	X				
Hunstanton	8.7	0.19	15	59	s	Stornoway	1.7	1.06	11	52	t
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	7.6	0.37	16	61	s
Isle of Man	7.2	0.02	14	57	s	Tenby	1.9	0.27	15	59	sh
Jersey	7.4	0.10	17	63	s	Tiree	2.1	0.68	12	54	t
Kinlose	6.4	0.63	13	55	s	Torquay	6.7	0.32	17	63	s
Leeds	7.8	0.13	14	57	s	Tynemouth	8.0	0.06	14	57	s
Lerwick	4.9	0.23	10	50	g	Ventnor	5.6	0.07	16	61	b
Leuchars	X					Weymouth	6.7	0.74	16	61	s



Changes to the chart below from noon: low W will slowly drift east and gradually fill. High H will slowly drift east and build slightly



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2:49	7.30	3:06	7.34	Leith	8:28	8.01	8:50	5.89
Aberdeen	2:11	4.54	2:34	4.46	Liverpool	–	–	0:16	9.90
Avonmouth	8:13	13.81	8:35	13.81	Lowestoft	10:29	2.77	10:50	2.92
Belfast	11:54	3.49	–	–	Margate	0:51	4.96	1:10	5.01
Cardiff	8:08	12.33	8:25	12.24	Milford Haven	7:09	7.39	7:29	7.34
Devonport	6:53	5.61	7:16	5.66	Newquay	6:58	7.15	6:19	7.17
Dover	11:52	7.00	–	–	Oban	6:33	4.11	6:48	4.12
Dublin	0:13	4.31	0:31	4.29	Penzance	5:35	5.66	5:54	5.69
Falmouth	5:55	5.23	6:17	5.35	Portland	7:51	2.27	8:12	2.14
Glasgow	11:07	3.56	2:16	4.80	Portsmouth	0:03	4.97	0:26	4.86
Harwich	0:40	4.50	0:58	4.25	Shoreham	–	–	0:16	6.55
Holyhead	11:14	5.89	11:39	5.83	Southampton	11:04	4.83	–	–
Hull	7:11	7.84	7:33	7.71	Swansea	7:17	9.92	7:38	9.68
Ilfracombe	6:55	9.84	7:15	9.73	Tees	2:30	6.62	4:53	5.58
King's Lynn	7:19	7.29	7:32	7.22	W'ton-on-Naze	0:31	4.56	0:50	4.66

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Sun rises: 6.49 am — Sun sets: 4.46 pm
Moon sets: 6.59 pm — Moon rises: 9.21 am

London 4.46 pm to 6.44 am
Bristol 4.59 pm to 6.54 am
Edinburgh 4.47 pm to 7.08 am
Manchester 4.59 pm to 6.58 am
Penzance 5.19 pm to 7.09 am

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